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From: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 6:12 PM
To: (b) (6) USN CNO (USA)
Cc: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)
Subject: CNLSC interim update regarding CNO directive
Signed By: (b) (6)

(b) (6),

RADM Crandall is currently on travel, but he wanted me to provide you with an interim update on our efforts in response to CNO's directive regarding the revoked awards. All 10 award recipients have acknowledged that they will return their revoked awards and will not use them for official purposes. None of these awards are in the members' records, as the command had not yet forward them to DNS-35 or PERS-312. We are waiting for written confirmations from DNS-35 and PERS-312, and for all 10 members to return the physical awards (some were on leave or had left the awards at home today). RADM Crandall will provide a final response once all of these requirements are complete.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything else you need.

V/r,

(b) (6)

Very Respectfully,

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From: (b) (6) CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:55 AM
To: (b) (6)
CIV USN CNO
(USA)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN
COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Subject: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW)
Attachments: CNLSC Memo Ser 001_0105 dtd 1 Aug 19.pdf
Signed By: (b) (6)
Importance: High

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning. Please see the attached memo from Commander, Naval Legal Service Command.

Very Respectfully,

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(b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: (b) (6) CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 1:02 PM
To: (b) (6)
CIV USN CNO
(USA)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA); (b) (6) USN
COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Subject: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW) with Enclosures
Attachments: CNLSC Memo Ser dtd 1 Aug 19 with Encls.pdf
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN (USA)
Subject: Draft interim response to CNO
Attachments: CNLSC Initial Response to CNO.docx
Signed By: (b) (6)

Admiral,

I've drafted an initial response to CNO if you'd like to get him something today. This is based on an email from CAPT Larrea where she said this:

(b) (6)

All 10 recipients have been notified and signed the acknowledgement forms. I will not be able to get all the awards back today, since some have them at home, and one person is on leave out of the area. We are in the process of getting confirmations back from DNS-35 and PERS-312, but may not have that today either. I can confirm that nothing is in anyone's record, because the awards had not yet been sent to NDAWS, which is the first step. Once we get all the required documentation, I will send you a proper response.

Thank you.

V/R

MAL

Very Respectfully,

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(b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2019 4:43 PM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)
Subject: FW: AWARDS REVOCATION
Attachments: AWARDS REVOCATION PACKAGE.pdf
Signed By: (b) (6)

(b) (6), here is the acknowledgement.

Thank you.

V/R

MAL

CAPT Meg Larrea, JAGC, USN
Commanding Officer
Region Legal Service Office Southwest

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Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN (USA)
Subject: FW: AWARDS REVOCATION
Attachments: AWARDS REVOCATION PACKAGE.pdf; CNLSC Final Response to CNO.docx
Signed By: (b) (6)

Admiral,

Attached is confirmation from CAPT Larrea of completion of the revocation. I've also attached a draft letter responding to the CNO. Are you able to sign on your surface pro?

Very Respectfully,

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Thank you.

V/R

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From: (b) (6) CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 13:22
To: (b) (6) CIV OPNAV, DNS-35
Subject: FW: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW) with Enclosures
Attachments: CNLSC Memo Ser dtd 1 Aug 19 with Encls.pdf
Signed By: (b) (6)

(b) (6),

Good afternoon. I have cancelled the tasker for the LM in DON Tracker and also wanted to forward this along just in case you have not received it yet.

Very Respectfully,

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:13 PM
To: (b) (6) LT USN (USA)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Subject: FW: Revocation of Awards
Attachments: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND LETTERS OF COMMENDATION.pdf

To all,
Just looping you in for SA.
V/R,
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:03 PM
To: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) <darse.crandall@navy.mil>
Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: Revocation of Awards

Admiral

Sending the attached memo on behalf of CNO, for NLSC to execute the Secretary's direction and revoke the awards listed in the enclosure.

Thank you

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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From: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:26 PM
To: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)
Subject: FW: Revocation of Awards
Signed By: (b) (6)

(b) (6) — Please research in the morning. I would like to execute and report completion as soon as possible. Thanks.
V/r, Del

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

From: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 7:23 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6) — Received your email. Understand the direction and will report completion to (b) (6). Thanks.
V/r, Del

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From: (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 7:02 PM
To: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)
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From: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:29 AM
To: (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)
Subject: FW: Unredacted Awards
Attachments: Combined award docs.pdf
Signed By: (b) (6)

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:26 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

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Subject: Unredacted Awards

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V/r,

(b) (6)

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Subject: FW: URGENT HOT Trump tweet on NAVY prosecutors for Gallagher
Signed By: (b) (6)

Importance: High

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 4:07 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: URGENT HOT Trump tweet on NAVY prosecutors for Gallagher

FYSA.

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From: Starr, Barbara <Barbara.Starr@cnn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 4:02 PM
To: (b) (6) Brown, Charles W RDML USN
(USA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] URGENT HOT Trump tweet on NAVY prosecutors for Gallagher

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..to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers and for giving immunity in a totally incompetent fashion. I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards....

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To: (b) (6) USN NAVCIVLAWSUPPACT DC (USA)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) USN NAVCIVLAWSUPPACT DC (USA)
Subject: FW: URGENT HOT Trump tweet on NAVY prosecutors for Gallagher

Importance: High

(b) (6)
Good afternoon, and see below. I am sure that CHINFO is going to be working up a product that lays out the process for rescinding awards. Can you please have one of your folks pull the reference and send it to me? I recall that this has happened before with a couple of GDMA cases.

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From: Purnell, Charles Neal II CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 4:28 PM
To: Bligh, David J Col OJAG, Code 02
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: GALLAGHER
Signed By: (b) (6)

Dave:

I'm sure you're all over this, but just wanted to make sure you'd seen the President's latest tweets:

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(b) (6)

V/r,

Chuck

Charles Purnell
CAPT, JAGC, USN
AJAG (CJDON)

(b) (6)

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From: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Media Analysis <osd.pentagon.pa.mbx.media-analysis@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 5:00 AM
To: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Media Analysis
Subject: Morning News of Note 1 Aug 2019
Attachments: Morning News of Note 1 Aug 2019.pdf

MORNING NEWS OF NOTE
As of 0430 Hours, August 1

Tweets of Note

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) said: "Last night, the Senate unanimously voted to confirm David Norquist as Deputy Secretary of Defense at @DeptofDefense. This is great news — David is the right man for the job." On the Middle East, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo wrote: "Recently, President @realDonaldTrump sanctioned Iran's Supreme Leader, who enriched himself at the expense of the Iranian people. Today, the U.S. designated his chief apologist [Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif]. He's just as complicit in the regime's outlaw behavior as the rest of [Ayatollah Khamenei's] mafia." And U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad tweeted: "Wrapping up my most productive visit to #Afghanistan since I took this job as Special [Representative]. The U.S. and Afghanistan have agreed on next steps. And a negotiating team and technical support group are being finalized."

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TOP NEWS

1. Pentagon Outlines Funds Targeted for Wall

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A5 | Ben Kesling

The \$6.1 billion in Defense Department funds that will be diverted to expand the barrier at the Mexican border will be taken out of programs ranging from funding of Afghan security forces to a retirement program for the U.S. military, as well as construction projects for military bases around the world, Pentagon officials said this week.

2. Sanctions imposed on Iranian foreign minister

Washington Post, Aug. 1, Pg. A2 | Carol Morello and Karen DeYoung

The Trump administration imposed sanctions on Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Wednesday in a dramatic step bound to further escalate tensions with Tehran. A senior administration official said Zarif had acted more as a "propaganda minister" than a diplomat. "Today, President Trump decided enough is enough," the official said.

3. Pompeo says U.S. not asking Asia to take sides

Associated Press, Aug. 1 | Eileen Ng

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday that Washington isn't asking any Asian nation to take sides as it engages with the region where China is battling for influence and aggressively expanding territorial claims in the South China Sea.

LETHALITY

4. CNO Nominee Gilday Names AI as Top Tech Priority

Seapower Magazine Online, July 31 | Richard R. Burgess

The newest nominee for chief of naval operations listed his top three technology priorities to the Senate Armed Services Committee during his July 31 confirmation hearing, with artificial intelligence coming in as No. 1.

5. 'A Failure of the Navy:' Next CNO Addresses Problems with New Carrier

Military.com, July 31 | Gina Harkins

The admiral tapped to lead the Navy did not hold back when questioned by lawmakers about a host of problems that have delayed the delivery of a new aircraft carrier and pushed it far over budget. Vice Adm. Michael Gilday faced tough questions from lawmakers about big problems aboard the \$13 billion aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford during his Senate confirmation hearing to serve as the next chief of naval operations.

6. US Navy jet crashes in Death Valley National Park, injuring seven

CNN.com, July 31 | Ryan Browne and Zachary Cohen

A US Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet jet crashed Wednesday in Death Valley National Park, at a spot known to aviation enthusiasts as Star Wars Canyon, according to park spokesman Patrick Taylor, who told CNN that seven visitors suffered minor injuries as a result. The crash occurred east of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in California, according to the Navy. "Search and rescue personnel are on scene and the status of the pilot is currently unknown," Lt. Cmdr. Lydia Bock, a spokesperson for the Joint Strike Fighter Wing, said in a statement.

ALLIANCES/PARTNERSHIPS

7. Pentagon pushes Egypt to fight counterinsurgency campaign in Sinai

Al-Monitor, July 31 | Jack Detsch

In his first meeting with a Middle East nation since his confirmation as defense secretary, Mark Esper pressed his Egyptian counterpart this week to wage a counterinsurgency-style fight in the Sinai Peninsula. "During his visit, I spoke to [Defense] Minister [Mohammad] Zaki extensively about their efforts in Sinai and it's clear we share the importance of a population-centric approach, even if it takes longer to be successful," Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East Mick Mulroy said in a statement provided exclusively to Al-Monitor.

8. Top U.S. admiral nominee says foreign partners would do most of the work in Gulf plan

The Hill Online, July 31 | Rebecca Kheel

The United States envisions a plan to escort ships through the Gulf region being carried out "80 or 90 percent" by allies and partners, the admiral nominated to lead the Navy said Wednesday. "The coalition that we're building in the Arabian Gulf and specifically in the Strait of Hormuz is going to be 80 or 90 percent a coalition effort and a much smaller U.S. effort," Vice Adm. Michael Gilday told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday, using an alternate name for the Persian Gulf. "It is primarily focused on providing intelligence support to the rest of the coalition. So we will escort our ships as they come along, but we won't be there in great numbers. The idea is for the regional partners to bear the lion's share of the burden."

9. No plan to change South Korea-U.S. military exercise, U.S. official says

Reuters, Aug. 1 | Idrees Ali

The United States does not plan to make changes to a military drill with South Korea, a senior U.S. defense official said on Wednesday, despite a series of North Korean missile launches intended to pressure Seoul and Washington to stop joint exercises.

10. Bolton suggests fivefold rise in Japan's spending on U.S. military

Asahi Shimbun (Japan) Online, July 31 | Shigeki Tosa and Yoshihiro Makino

The Trump administration is seeking up to a fivefold increase in what Japan pays to support U.S. military forces based here, a U.S. government source said.

11. US boosts Brazil status as military ally
Agence France-Presse, July 31 | Not Attributed
President Donald Trump on Wednesday boosted Brazil's status as a US military ally, easing the path for the Latin American giant to buy more sophisticated weaponry.

REFORM

12. Hypersonics: From Zero To 40 Plus Flights In Next Four Years
BreakingDefense.com, July 31 | Colin Clark
The Pentagon plans to nearly double its spending on hypersonic-related technologies in fiscal year 2020 — if Congress approves it — and hopes to run around 40 flight tests of hypersonic vehicles over the next four years, Pentagon officials say.

GREAT POWER COMPETITION

13. Hyten: Arms shortfalls in China war
Washington Times (Inside the Ring), Aug. 1, Pg. A9 | Bill Gertz
Air Force Gen. John Hyten, nominee for vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, this week outlined U.S. military concerns about weapons shortfalls that increase risks for any future conflict with China. Gen. Hyten, currently commander of U.S. Strategic Command, said in a prepared statement to the Senate Armed Services Committee made public Tuesday that China's missile forces pose the most significant threat to U.S. forces.

14. Competition (With China) IS The New Deterrence, U.S. Military Leaders Say
BreakingDefense.com, July 31 | Theresa Hitchens
"The most important word in the [National Defense Strategy] is compete," Gen. Timothy Ray, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, told reporters here today. And senior officers speaking at Strategic Command's 10th annual deterrence conference here fixated on China as the likeliest US adversary.

15. Landmark U.S.-Russia arms control treaty poised for final blow
The Hill Online, July 31 | Rebecca Kheel and Morgan Chalfant
The U.S. is about to officially toss out a 30-year-old arms control treaty credited with helping end the Cold War. Friday marks the end of a six-month withdrawal period from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, after the Trump administration announced in February that the U.S. was leaving the pact. That means the U.S. will be freed from its obligations under the accord. Now, all eyes are looking to see what comes next in U.S.-Russia arms control, with a particular focus on the administration's preparations to move forward with previously banned weapons.

EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE

16. The Pentagon's top two jobs are finally filled
Military Times Online, July 31 | Meghann Myers
After a whirlwind few weeks, the Defense Department has two confirmed officials in its top civilian roles, and the Navy secretary has gone back to his official duties. Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist took his oath on Wednesday afternoon, according to a Pentagon release, following his confirmation by the Senate on Tuesday evening.

17. Navy SEAL prosecutors to be stripped of achievement medals
Associated Press, July 31 | Jill Colvin
Navy officials said Wednesday they are pulling achievement medals from prosecutors who argued the case against a decorated Navy SEAL who was acquitted in the death of a wounded Islamic State captive after President Donald Trump intervened.

SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

18. U.S. Says It Killed Bin Laden Son Who Was Groomed to Lead Al Qaeda
New York Times, Aug. 1, Pg. A8 | Julian E. Barnes, Adam Goldman and Eric Schmitt
Osama bin Laden's son Hamza bin Laden, who was viewed as an eventual heir to the leadership of Al Qaeda and had repeatedly threatened to attack the United States, is dead, according to two American officials. Details of the strike that killed him were scarce, including when and where. The United States government played a role in the operation, but it was not clear how, according to the officials, who discussed his death on the condition of anonymity because it involved sensitive operations and intelligence gathering.
19. Afghan Troops Are Shorthanded as U.S. Pursues Peace Agreement
Bloomberg News, July 31 | Glen Carey
Afghanistan's army remains seriously shorthanded, a Pentagon watchdog found, as the Trump administration tries to negotiate a peace agreement with the Taliban enemies of the government in Kabul.
20. Afghanistan names team to talk to Taliban, expecting swift U.S. deal to leave
Reuters, July 31 | Rupam Jain and Abdul Qadir Sediqi
The Afghan government named a team on Wednesday to negotiate directly with the Taliban, in the expectation that Washington was on the cusp of agreeing to withdraw troops after 18 years of war, meeting the insurgents' precondition for talks with Kabul. The U.S. special representative for Afghanistan peace talks, Zalmay Khalilzad, tweeted that he was on his way to negotiation venue Qatar, ready to close a deal to end the war that began in 2001 after the September 11 attacks on the United States.
21. The Air Force is ramping up its airstrikes in Somalia
Air Force Times Online, July 31 | Stephen Losey
The Air Force has already carried out as many airstrikes in Somalia in the first seven months of 2019 as it did in all of 2018. In an email Monday, Col. Chris Karns, a spokesman for United States Africa Command, said that a July 27 airstrike in Somalia brought the total number of airstrikes in the African nation to 47, the same as 2018's total.
22. Nigeria Secretly Buries War Dead To Mask Toll
Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A18 | Joe Parkinson
At the northern edge of this city's military base, a vast field of churned soil conceals the hidden toll of a deadly offensive by the allies of Islamic State. After dark, the bodies of soldiers are covertly transported from a mortuary that at times gets so crowded the corpses are delivered by truck, according to Nigerian soldiers, diplomats and a senior government official. The bodies are laid by flashlight into trenches dug by infantrymen or local villagers paid a few dollars per shift. The burials convey a picture at odds with a war Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, a former general, has repeatedly claimed his army has won. The reality is that Africa's largest land force -- a U.S. counterterrorism ally -- is struggling against an insurgency that first flared a decade ago and is now rejuvenated by Islamic State and the return of fighters from Libya, Syria and Iraq.
23. Kim Calls New Rocket 'Inescapable' To Enemies
New York Times, Aug. 1, Pg. A9 | Choe Sang-Hun
North Korea said on Thursday that its leader, Kim Jong-un, attended the testing of a new type of large-caliber, multiple-launch, guided rocket system that could expand the North's ability to strike South Korea and the American forces stationed there.

NOTABLE COMMENTARY

24. Pillars of nuclear arms control are teetering
Financial Times (UK), Aug. 1, Pg. 10 | Editorial
Barring a miraculous turnaround, a key pillar of the cold war-era nuclear arms control architecture will tumble this week. First the US then Russia suspended participation this year in the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, which banned missiles with a range of 500km-5500km, over Washington and Nato's claims that Moscow has developed missiles breaching the agreement. Unless Russia destroys those missiles by August 2, the US is set to terminate the

treaty. This is not just highly dangerous for European security. It is a further step in the unravelling of arms control and rekindling of the nuclear arms race.

25. It's Absurd To Ask China To Disarm
Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A17 | Zhou Bo

The Chinese government sent Vice Premier Liu He to the U.S. in April with a brief to settle the tariff war between Beijing and Washington. But during an Oval Office news conference to address the progress of trade negotiations, President Trump abruptly changed the subject: "Between Russia and China and us, we're all making hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of weapons, including nuclear, which is ridiculous." Mr. Trump has since ordered his administration to prepare a push for new arms-control agreements with Russia and China. If Mr. Liu was surprised by the pivot from trade to arms control, he wasn't alone. To Chinese ears, Mr. Trump's claims make no sense. Between them, the U.S. and Russia possess 90% of the world's nuclear weapons. China has fewer nuclear warheads (290) than France (300), according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

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1. Trump Moves To Rescind Medals Awarded To Eddie Gallagher Prosecutors (31 JULY 2019, CNN.com) ... Jeremy Diamond and Barbara Starr

President Donald Trump on Wednesday ordered top Navy officials to rescind medals awarded to the prosecutors who unsuccessfully tried Navy SEAL team leader Eddie Gallagher for murder.

Trump, who has previously sided with Gallagher, slammed the prosecutors for "giving immunity in a totally incompetent fashion" in the course of the case and for having "difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers." The President said the Navy lawyers had been "ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal." "I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards," Trump tweeted.

The Secretary of the Navy is pulling the medals awarded to the Navy prosecution team, a Navy official told CNN. The official said it is within Spencer's authority to rescind the awards.

The President's criticisms appeared to stem from prosecutors' decision to give immunity to a key witness in the case who testified that he -- not Gallagher -- had killed the ISIS captive, as well as the former lead prosecutor's improper use of email software in emails to defense lawyers. That prosecutor was removed from the case.

Trump's order marked a rare and highly unusual intervention by a US President in the awarding of such commendations. The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal is typically awarded to personnel for accomplishments that do not rise to the level of the more prestigious Navy and Marine

Corps Commendation Medal, according to John Kirby, a CNN diplomatic and military analyst.

"I can't remember a time when a president involved himself in an award decision at this low a level," Kirby, a retired rear admiral, said.

The award "is typically given to junior officers and enlisted personnel and largely applies to noteworthy administrative and/or organizational accomplishments" and unit commanders typically hold discretion to award the medal.

Kirby argued that rescinding the award so publicly "unnecessarily demoralizes and demeans the men and women who received those medals, as well as the superior officers who saw fit to award them.

"Once again, he risks further politicizing the military," Kirby added.

Gallagher was found not guilty earlier in July of murdering a captive ISIS fighter and attempting to murder Iraqi civilians. A jury acquitted him of nearly all charges, but found him guilty of posing for photos with the captive's body.

Gallagher became a cause celebre in some conservative circles and his trial soon drew Trump's attention, with the commander in chief ordering that Gallagher be moved to "less restrictive confinement" while awaiting trial. Trump then cheered the not-guilty verdict, tweeting "congratulations" to Gallagher and his family.

"Glad I could help!" the President tweeted.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/31/politics/trump-rescindsnavy-prosecutors-medals/index.html>

2. Washington State Officials Weigh In On Lawsuit Against Navy (31 JULY 2019, Skagit Valley Herald) ... Brandon Stone
Washington state officials are weighing in on a lawsuit filed by the attorney general against the Navy over its plans for expansion at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

In a letter to state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Oak Harbor Mayor Bob Severns condemned the lawsuit, calling it an irresponsible waste of resources and unjustifiable to the majority of his constituents.

Severns, who has served four years as mayor, said he believes the public understands the importance of the Navy's mission, and values it above the additional noise that will be caused by expansion.

Ferguson's suit comes after the Navy released plans in March to add 36 EA-18G Growler jets at NAS Whidbey Island, increasing aircraft activity at Outlying Field Coupeville from 90 to 360 hours, or about 100,000 takeoffs and landings each year.

Ferguson alleges that in its review process the Navy failed to adequately measure impacts to public health and to wildlife as a result of the additional noise, according to a news release from his office.

The Navy does not comment on pending litigation, according to reporting by The Associated Press.

Severns said if the state truly took issue with the Navy's Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, the state could have asked these questions during the six years the Navy spent conducting its studies.

Severns said NAS Whidbey is the largest employer in his county, and is integral to the regional economy. The lawsuit, he said, is a threat to the Navy's continued growth, and potentially to its presence on Whidbey Island.

"Your action could also adversely affect future Navy decisions, which could cripple the economy in our Pacific Northwest and leave us without the protection and support that we value as a community and a state," he wrote in his letter to Ferguson.

When he first ran for Oak Harbor City Council six years ago, Severns said he ran an extensive door-to-door campaign.

"Our goal was to knock on every door in Oak Harbor, and we pretty much did," he said.

He said he spoke favorably about the Navy, and none of the voters he spoke with disagreed with him, leading him to believe his constituents aren't bothered by the noise these jets create.

Helen Price Johnson, an Island County commissioner, said she's frustrated by the rhetoric around this lawsuit, and what it's actually alleging.

"This isn't a question of whether we support the Navy," she said, adding that NAS Whidbey is a vital part of Island County. "It's a question about process."

Even if the state's lawsuit is successful, it shouldn't threaten the Navy's plans for growth here, she said. It would merely require the Navy to perform a more detailed review of the potential environmental and health effects.

"All (it is) doing is making the Navy follow the rules like any other agency," she said.

She's long been a supporter of real-time noise monitoring, she said, which would be much more useful than the average noise level data the Navy provided.

With regards to the noise, she said it makes sense that most residents aren't too bothered by it because they don't live in the flight path.

"If you happen to be in that path, it's like living near an aircraft carrier," she said.

Her colleague, Commissioner Jill Johnson, opposes the suit.

If the lawsuit keeps the Navy from growing here, it will have to grow elsewhere, she said. Because the base is vital to about 70 percent of the county's economy, she said that will have disastrous effects on the region.

"What health impacts outweigh the impacts of people losing their jobs?" she said.

"The planes can be irritating, but the mission is of a much higher value to everyone I talk to," she said, adding that the dissenters are a vocal minority.

She accused Ferguson of making a political decision, saying he chose to get involved in this issue to appeal to potential donors in a bid for governor next year.

"Pandering isn't something we should respect," she said.

<https://www.stripes.com/news/navy/washington-stateofficials-weigh-in-on-lawsuit-against-navy-1.592643>

3. Pentagon No. 2 Confirmed By Senate (31 JULY 2019, Defense News) ... Aaron Mehta and Joe Gould

The Senate has confirmed David Norquist to be the deputy secretary of defense, locking in the Pentagon's top two leaders for the first time in 2019.

Norquist was confirmed by voice vote Tuesday evening, just a week after his nomination papers arrived in front of the Senate Armed Services Committee and six days after his nomination hearing - a sign of how uncontroversial his nomination has become.

Confirmed as the Pentagon's comptroller in 2017, has served as acting deputy defense secretary since the start of the year. He has drawn praise from senators on both sides of the aisle for his work with the Pentagon's first audit, and early this year started seeing vocal support from SASC chairman Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., who pushed the White House to formally nominate Norquist.

While the role of the deputy secretary varies from person to person, Norquist is expected to take over as the point man for the department on big-picture budget and technology issues.

He is also expected to take a hard look at the proposed Raytheon and United Technologies merger, which if approved would create one of the largest defense firms in the world.

The deputy secretary will guide the Pentagon's oversight of that pending merger, he told lawmakers at his confirmation hearing earlier this month. Defense Secretary Mark Esper, a former Raytheon executive, has recused himself from matters pertaining to his former employer.

The Pentagon's undersecretary for acquisitions, Ellen Lord, will analyze the risks to the industrial base risks and competition and make a recommendation. In mergers like this, the potential concerns would be a loss of competition or disruption for any specific products the military relies upon.

<https://www.defensenews.com/pentagon/2019/07/31/pentagon-no-2-confirmed-by-senate/>

4. CNO Nominee Vows Probe Into Navy SEAL Scandals (31 JULY 2019, Navy Times) ... Leo Shane III

The nominee for the Navy's top uniformed post promised to "quickly and firmly" deal with any leadership failures among his service's special operations forces in the wake of a series of embarrassing scandals for the elite sailors.

Tapped to take over as the next chief of naval operations, Vice Adm. Michael Gilday told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday that investigations into alleged misbehavior by those service members are still ongoing and he was anxious to review the findings.

"Ethics is a particularly important point for me and that begins at the top of my leadership and extends through all of the flag officers as well as our commanders, right down through the chief petty officers, who I consider a critical link to ensure that every day we go to work, we bring our values with us," he said.

"It is especially important in combat that those values be maintained."

Last week, Special Operations Command officials in Iraq booted a SEAL platoon from there after accusations surfaced involving drinking, fraternization and sexual assault among its members. Days later, a member of SEAL Team 6 was charged with soliciting nude photos of women while impersonating other people.

The reports come between two high-profile trials of other Navy SEALs.

Earlier in July, Special Warfare Operator Chief Edward Gallagher was found not guilty in connection with the stabbing death of an Iraqi detainee but witnesses detailed a cowboy culture of deployed service members, punctuated by boozing on the battlefield and mugging for photos with the dead prisoner of war.

Special Operations Chief Tony DeDolph also goes on trial next week in connection with the hazing death of a Green Beret two years ago.

Despite the flood of negative news, Navy officials have publicly stated they do not see cultural problems eroding the sea service's community of special operators.

Under questioning from lawmakers, however, Gilday promised a closer look at that concern.

"I'm committed to the idea that we need people with dignity and respect," he told senators. "Physical violence, sexual assault have no place in the Navy."

Gilday, who has previously served as the head of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and 10th Fleet commander, was thrust into the path for the top Navy job after the sudden retirement of Adm. Bill Moran.

He had been confirmed for the chief of naval operations post before details emerged of a continuing professional relationship with a former public affairs officer embroiled in a sexual harassment scandal.

Despite that unexpected leadership shake-up, senators spoke highly of Gilday's experience and said they expected an easy confirmation for him.

"It has never been more important that our Navy have principled leaders who promote respect throughout the ranks, and adhere to a moral code that can serve as an example to all our sailors and Marines," said committee ranking member

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I. "We all expect and demand that you will be that leader."

The timing of that confirmation may be complicated, however. Senate officials were hoping to speed a final vote on Gilday's promotion through their chamber this week, ahead of the scheduled extended summer break.

If that action doesn't take place in the next few days, a final confirmation vote won't occur until early September, when lawmakers return to legislative business after work in their home districts.

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/pentagoncongress/2019/07/31/cno-nominee-vows-probe-into-navyseal-scandals/>

5. Insomnia In The Military Is Up 650 Percent Since 2003 - Here's How DoD Is Hoping To Curb That Trend (31 JULY 2019, Military Times) ... J.D. Simkins

More than ever, service members are struggling to fall asleep.

That was the takeaway, in layman's terms, of a 14-year study by the Sleep Research Society that analyzed the association of insomnia with combat exposure in 1.3 million military personnel.

From 1997 to 2011, reported rates of insomnia soared, the study found, a trend that spiked considerably following the 2003 invasion of Iraq, indicating a direct association between the disorder and exposure to combat.

In the eight years following the invasion, the rate of insomnia, a sleep disorder known to increase the risk of cardiovascular issues, diabetes, stroke, depression, and anxiety, skyrocketed 652 percent among military personnel.

And while post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries suffered as a result of combat deployments have been identified as known contributing factors, solutions to the alarming trend have proven to be elusive.

Until now.

Or, that is at least the hope for the Department of Defense in seeking answers with the help of Dr. Anne Germain, a sleep research expert who has been studying issues of insomnia and PTSD in the military for nearly 20 years.

DoD recently awarded Germain's company, Noctem, with a \$2 million contract to conduct trials on a sample group of 800 sailors and Marines in what amounts to the most extensive sleep trial DoD has ever undertaken.

Germain has conducted insomnia trials on service members and veterans before, achieving great results within only four weeks of commencing treatment, a success she hopes translates to this larger sample size.

The problem with traditional, face-to-face treatment plans - these therapeutic treatment methods are designed to steer clear of medication - is that accessibility to care can be challenging for those living in rural areas, or entirely impossible for deployed personnel, Germain told Military Times.

Traveling to meet with a specialist oftentimes only serves to perpetuate stress and anxiety, and in some places, the combined time spent between finding parking and sitting in a waiting room often surpasses the time in the presence of an actual therapist, Germain said.

To compensate, the doctor and a team of researchers at the University of Pittsburgh developed the Noctem app, a smartphone platform patients can use to actively engage with their clinicians anytime, anywhere.

The app will be the treatment delivery method the 800 sailors and Marines of this trial.

"Patients using the app essentially have a sleep coach in their pocket, and the providers using the app can monitor, almost in real time, sleep health and behaviors that effect sleep quality," Germain said.

One way providers monitor a patient's progress is by viewing a short set of questions patients answer each morning and evening to document sleep patterns, recordings that can then be compared to sleep statistics of other anonymous app users.

Based on the information compiled, a clinician can then offer a personally-tailored plan that addresses how to quell any existing detriments to sound sleep - nightmares, for example.

And while these therapeutic treatment tactics come with the added bonus of the patient being able to avoid going to the doctor if they choose, Germain said this innovation is not designed to eliminate face-to-face treatment plans, but to increase the available treatment arsenal for a clinician.

"There are obviously people who require in-person access to clinicians, and distinguishing that is vital, because clinicians like myself are seeing patients, some of whom genuinely need in-person access but are waiting just as long for an appointment as those who may not need to be seen in person," she said.

With this new platform, those patients who may not require in-person care can use the app and still receive the same quality of treatment with the same results, Germain said.

As a result, year-long wait lists could become a thing of the past, as patients not requiring or seeking face-to-face treatment can make room for those who genuinely need it.

Above all, quality of care and treatment results remain paramount, something Germain's company will begin monitoring after the enrollment process of the 800 trial participants kicks off near the end of October.

"My primary goal is to make sure that people benefit from the treatment," she said.

"I'm not willing to compromise the quality of the outcome. It has to be as good on the digital platform as face-to-face.

Otherwise we're cheating the patients, service members and veterans."

<https://www.militarytimes.com/off-duty/militaryculture/2019/07/31/insomnia-in-the-military-is-up-650-percent-since-2003-heres-how-dod-is-hoping-to-curb-thattrend/>

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6. If we want troops to follow orders, we should trust their justice system

1. Trump telling the Navy to take back medals looks foolish and small

(CNN 1 AUG 19) ... John Kirby

President Trump's order this week to rescind medals and letters of commendation awarded to members of the prosecution team in the murder trial of Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher reminded me of one of my favorite Harry Truman sayings:

"Never kick a fresh turd on a hot day."

And boy, does it stink around here.

Let's look at the Navy's kick first.

The Navy's prosecution team did not exactly crown itself in glory.

The team was sanctioned by the judge for violating the constitutional rights of Chief Gallagher, who was accused of killing an ISIS captive in 2017.

The judge fired the lead prosecutor, Cmdr. Christopher Czaplak, for conducting a warrantless surveillance program that tracked emails between defense attorneys and the weekly newspaper, Navy Times.

According to Navy Times, one of the lawyers who was awarded a medal, Lt. Brian John, was praised in his citation for preparing the government's "most challenging witnesses." But that witness turned out to be fellow Navy SEAL Corey Scott, who stunned everyone in the courtroom -- including Lt. John -- by admitting to the murder.

The prosecution's case fell apart and Gallagher was convicted only of appearing in an inappropriate photograph with the victim's body.

But the Navy's chief faux pas may have been the manner in which it chose to recognize the prosecution's work: a public awards ceremony attended by the judge who presided over Gallagher's case as well as the related trial of Navy Lt. Jacob Portier.

Portier was the officer in charge of Gallagher's SEAL team who was accused of various offenses, including encouraging enlisted personnel to pose for photos with the body and failing to report war crimes. On Thursday night, the Navy announced it was dismissing all charges against Portier and reviewing the conduct of the prosecution team and the Navy judge advocate leadership -- a decision that seems fitting given the circumstances.

It's important to note that one of Portier's prosecutors was one of those officers awarded a medal in the Gallagher case. Whether or not you think that award was merited, the Navy and specifically Navy legal leadership came across as tone deaf.

The ceremony could have waited until after Portier's trial was complete, or more appropriately conducted as part of each person's end-of-tour recognition. And, given the outcome, notoriety and sensitive political nature of the Gallagher case, it could have been conducted in less public a fashion. Did no one see the perception problem of having a young prosecutor praised for his "exceptional ability, steadfast initiative, and selfless dedication to duty" right in front of the same judge who was presiding over a related case?

The Navy isn't the only one kicking up filth here. President Trump, in his order to strip honors from these lawyers, was petty, mean-spirited and small.

He made no secret of where his predilections lay in Gallagher's case. Spurred on by his base and by supporters of Chief

Gallagher, Mr. Trump ordered the SEAL into less restrictive pre-trial confinement and openly praised his military service before and during the trial.

When the verdict ultimately swung his way, Mr. Trump boasted about his role.

"Congratulations to Navy Seal Eddie Gallagher," he tweeted after the acquittal on July 3rd. "Glad I could help!"

With such comments, Mr. Trump risks tainting the military justice process.

He no doubt thinks he is further helping the Gallagher family by rescinding those awards. But here, too, he takes it too far.

"The Prosecutors who lost the case against SEAL Eddie Gallagher," he tweeted yesterday, "... were ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal. Not only did they lose the case, they had difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers ..."

To be sure, the President has every right to pull back the awards. He's the commander in chief, after all. Military awards and decorations fall under his writ, even at this low a level. But that he did so publicly -- and through a tweet no less -- cheapens the awards process and likely demoralizes the other men and women who have received those honors.

Navy Achievement Medals and letters of commendation are common in the service, designed to recognize relatively junior personnel for performance that doesn't rise to the level of higher awards. These accolades represent a nice bit of praise and contribute to good morale.

While it's absolutely fair to question why some of the lawyers in the Gallagher case received medals for, in effect, losing a case, it's also fair to question why everyone involved -- including junior enlisted personnel -- were denied appropriate recognition.

Two of the legal clerks had been lauded in letters of commendation now revoked for providing "exceptional and seamless pretrial litigation and logistical support." And two other sailors weren't even in the legal profession. One was a gunner's mate and the other a young seaman. They were simply helping out, following orders and doing their work commendably, honorably.

The President's blanket repudiation of all that work sends a horrible message to servicemen and women about the degree to which their sacrifices and hard work really matter to him. I cannot recall a time when a President involved himself so publicly and so viciously in military awards at this level.

Once again, Mr. Trump risks drawing the military into his political fights and his personal grudges. Once again, he sullies himself and the office he holds.

His supporters will no doubt praise him for championing a hero and hitting back at the Navy bureaucracy. Fair enough.

Navy leaders should have to answer for some of the decisions they made in this case. And they should have thought a bit more deeply about whether, how and in what way they recognized members of the prosecution. But the President, too, should have conducted himself with more dignity.

Harry Truman had it right. Lots of kicking here. And nobody comes out smelling very good.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/01/opinions/trump-navy-medal-controversy-kirby/index.html>

2. Legal Expert: Trump Order to Rescind Eddie Gallagher Prosecutors' Medals Was 'Highly Inappropriate' (Law & Crime 1 AUG 19) ... Matt Naham

Legal experts were none too pleased with President Donald Trump's Wednesday decision to order the Navy to rescind medals given to prosecutors who worked the high-profile Eddie Gallagher case.

Lt. Scott McDonald, Lt. Brian John, Lt. George Hageman, and an unnamed attorney whose name was redacted, all received Navy Achievement Medals for their "superb results" and "expert litigation" in the Gallagher trial.

According to Task & Purpose, Lt. McDonald was praised for "immediately litigat[ing] multiple motions alleging constitutional violations" after taking over as lead prosecutor on the case (Navy Cmdr. Christopher Czaplak had to be removed in June due to spying). Lt. McDonald "brilliantly cross-examined defense witnesses and expertly delivered the government's case in rebuttal," a filing said. Lt. John was praised for "preparing the government's most challenging witnesses" and for displaying "remarkable resiliency" during a difficult trial. Lt. Hageman was praised for his "exceptional pretrial litigation support" and for his "responses to multiple complex defense motions relating to search and seizure issues and potential discovery violations." The attorney whose name was redacted was a woman. She was credited for her "brilliant legal acumen while providing exceptional pretrial litigation support," for spending "countless hours" on witness preparation and for her "mastery of discovery."

In short, these prosecutors were each recognized for the way they handled things in the wake of the Cmdr. Czaplak incident, and for doing their jobs admirably while America watched the case with a keen eye.

President Donald Trump didn't see it that way, and ordered that these medals be rescinded.

The Prosecutors who lost the case against SEAL Eddie Gallagher (who I released from solitary confinement so he could fight his case properly), were ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal. Not only did they lose the case, they had difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers and for giving immunity in a

totally incompetent fashion. I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards I am very happy for Eddie Gallagher and his family! A couple of things are true: 1) Eddie Gallagher prosecutors did grant immunity to a key witness who actually blew up the murder case against Gallagher; 2) the lead prosecutor on the case had to be removed in June due to spying. Navy Secretary Richard Spencer ended up doing as the commander-in-chief ordered. Per NPR: Navy Secretary Richard Spencer ordered seven Navy Achievement Medals and three letters of commendation given to the prosecution team be rescinded, Navy spokesman Cmdr. Jereal Dorsey said Wednesday, hours after a pair of scathing tweets from the president.

The president was not the only Trump to praise this course of action.

On Tuesday afternoon, Trump took to Twitter, calling the medal awards "ridiculous" and demanding that they be rescinded.

Legal experts viewed the situation differently.

Georgetown University Constitutional Law Prof. Jonathan Turley, for one, called the move "highly inappropriate."

"President Donald Trump took a highly extraordinary — and in my view a highly inappropriate — step on Wednesday in ordering the Navy to rescind the achievement medals awarded to military prosecutors in the case against Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher," Turley wrote on his blog. "It is hard not to view the President's intervention as retaliation against prosecutors who took an unpopular case and carried out their duties despite being publicly ridiculed by the Commander in Chief. The move undermines the professionalism and independence of the military justice system."

"Trump's public stance on the case was itself problematic since presidents have avoided any such comments or actions on pending prosecutions," he added. "However, this seems just vindictive and retaliatory against military lawyers who were doing their job."

Turley was not the only one to see this as retaliatory.

It's not hard to imagine the effect this public reproof and retaliatory action will have on war crimes prosecutions in the military going forward.

Others said that Trump was sending a "truly horrifying" message to military prosecutors.

Still others urged Navy Secretary Spencer to resign rather than carry out this order.

Gallagher had been accused of premeditated murder and attempted murder charges. The court martial stemmed from allegations that in 2017 he stabbed and killed a 17-year-old ISIS militant who was in U.S. custody after being wounded in an air strike. Prosecutors argued that Gallagher texts showed him boasting about this incident and his knife skills.

The most shocking moment of the trial came when SO1 Corey Scott was called to testify for the government. As a primary prosecution witness, it was expected that Scott would corroborate the allegation that Gallagher killed the ISIS militant. Scott, who was granted immunity, testified that Gallagher did stab the ISIS prisoner in the neck, but wasn't responsible for his death. Scott said he himself put his thumb over the prisoner's breathing tube, causing him to die.

"I knew he was going to die anyway," Scott said. "I wanted to save him from waking up to what had happened next."

After the verdict, Trump congratulated the Gallagher family and said he was "glad [he] could help!"

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/legal-expert-trump-order-to-rescind-eddie-gallagher-prosecutors-medals-was-highly-inappropriate/>

3. Navy orders probe into actions of Judge Advocate General Corps leaders (Navy Times 1 AUG 19) ... Carl Prine

In a sweeping series of measures announced Thursday night, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson dismissed all charges against a SEAL officer charged with covering up war crimes, stopped the ongoing probe of another special operator petty officer and ordered a comprehensive investigation into the performance of Navy JAG leaders.

"Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson today dismissed all charges in the case of Lt. Jacob Portier. He also withheld authority to take any action in the case of Petty Officer 1st Class Corey Scott," the prepared statement read. Scott was the SEAL who confessed on the witness stand during the court-martial trial of Special Warfare Operator Chief Edward "Eddie" Gallagher to murdering a detainee in Iraq in 2017.

Navy officials in San Diego quickly leaked to media outlets that they were starting a perjury probe into Scott's sworn testimony.

But the military jury hearing Gallagher's case was swayed by his candid confession that he blocked the breathing tube of a wounded Islamic State fighter so that he wouldn't be tortured to death later by Iraqi forces.

The statement indicated that Richardson "took this action in the best interest of justice and the Navy."

"Additionally, as part of an ongoing assessment of Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps performance, Richardson directed Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Bob Burke to conduct a Comprehensive Review into the leadership and performance of the JAG Corps. This review is intended to ensure the JAG Corps provides exemplary support to the Navy and the nation," the statement concluded.

On July 2, a military panel of his peers at Gallagher's San Diego court-martial trial cleared him on premeditated murder, obstruction of justice and all but one other charge tied to a 2017 deployment with Alpha Platoon, SEAL Team 7, to Iraq. Gallagher, 40, was found guilty only of appearing in a photograph that depicted him near a dead Islamic State prisoner of war, an allegation he never denied.

A rear admiral continues to mull his sentence and the Navy's statement on Thursday didn't address his ongoing litigation. But it was the Gallagher case that sparked discussions at the highest levels of the sea service into the conduct of Navy JAG Corps prosecutors and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service special agents who probed the war crimes allegations. Shortly before his court-martial trial kicked off, Navy judge Capt. Aaron Rugh sanctioned the prosecution team for violating the defendant's constitutional rights.

Part of Rugh's punishment included booting Cmdr. Christopher Czaplak, the lead prosecutor, for his role in a warrantless surveillance program cooked up with Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents to track emails sent by defense attorneys and Navy Times.

And the spying wasn't the only allegation of prosecutorial and police misconduct plaguing the case.

They were accused of manipulating witness statements to NCIS agents; using immunity grants and a bogus "target letter" in a crude attempt to keep pro-Gallagher witnesses from testifying; illegally leaking documents to the media to taint the military jury pool; and then trying to cover it all up when they got caught.

On Wednesday, a disgruntled President Donald J. Trump interjected himself into a rising scandal within the sea service, nixing the Navy Achievement Medals recently bestowed on four prosecutors in the Gallagher case.

Although the junior attorneys weren't implicated by Rugh in the wrongdoing, the president grumbled that they were tied to a tainted team in a losing case.

"Not only did they lose the case, they had difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers and for giving immunity in a totally incompetent fashion," Trump tweeted.

"I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards."

The Navy's top leaders immediately complied with the president's order and on Thursday night dropped a legal bombshell of their own that they had been crafting since July 2.

News of the Navy's announcement elated, Portier, Scott and Gallagher.

In San Diego, Scott said he's "profoundly grateful that the president and the chief of naval operations have intervened to exonerate Lt. Portier.

"Lt. Portier was a model of courage on the battlefield in the defeat of ISIS and conducted himself with the same steadfast determination in defending the reputation of his platoon back home."

Portier's civilian defense attorney, Jeremiah J. Sullivan III, also thanked Trump for "his unwavering support of our true war heroes."

"I also want to thank the U.S. Air Force and the Coast Guard who provided outstanding defense counsel. We never gave up the ship," Sullivan continued. "It was my honor and privilege to represent Lt. Portier. I am grateful for his service to our country."

Gallagher's civilian attorney, Timothy Parlatore, was told by Navy Times about the Pentagon's move shortly before he sat down to dinner with the SEAL.

"I am happy to hear that the senior Navy leadership has stepped in to take control of a situation that has been so badly mismanaged by the Navy JAG Corps and NCIS," he said.

"The JAG ship has run aground and significant action is necessary to hold those responsible accountable and help restore the trust of every sailor that there will be fair treatment for all under the military's justice system.

"Our team will be standing by to assist the VCNO in any way necessary. I only hope that this will lead to the Navy allowing Chief Gallagher to put this horrible experience behind him and retire as a Chief Petty Officer."

"Most Navy JAGs are fantastic in the court room and great to have a beer with after the case," added Scott's defense attorney, Air Force Reserve Maj. Brian Ferguson.

"Whatever leadership issues may exist, they're not issues with rank and file attorneys."

This is breaking news story and Navy Times will continue to update it.

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2019/08/02/navy-orders-probe-into-judge-advocate-general-corps-leaders/~>

4. Navy's top admiral steps in, assumes authority in Navy SEAL war crimes cases

Navy says the dropped charges were not directed by President Trump, orders review of entire JAG Corps.

(Los Angeles Times 1 AUG 19) ANDREW DYER

SAN DIEGO — Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, has dismissed all charges against Navy SEAL Lt. Jacob X. Portier, who was set to face trial in September on charges stemming from the high-profile murder case of

Special Operator 1st Class Edward R. Gallagher.

"Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson today dismissed all charges in the case of Lt. Jacob Portier," a Navy statement said Thursday. "Richardson took this action in the best interest of justice and the Navy."

Cmdr. Jereal Dorsey, a Navy spokesman, said the decision came from Richardson, not from President Trump, who yesterday rescinded medals awarded to prosecutors in the Gallagher case.

Richardson also ordered a full review of the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps.

"Recent events indicate a need to review the leadership and performance of the (JAG) Corps," Richardson said in a memo.

Richardson said the review should address training and professional development, with an "evaluation of the JAG Corps officer career progression and community values for promotion selection and detailing," according to the memo.

Richardson has also stripped the authority to prosecute Petty Officer 1st Class Corey Scott away from Region Legal Service Office Southwest, which previously prosecuted Gallagher and was set to prosecute Portier. Navy authorities had floated the possibility of prosecuting Scott for perjury after he testified that he, not Gallagher, killed a wounded ISIS fighter in Iraq.

Portier was charged with a number of offenses related to those Gallagher fought during his two-and-a-half-week trial.

Portier was charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, for allegedly conducting Gallagher's reenlistment ceremony near a dead enemy combatant — the same fighter Gallagher was found not guilty of murdering.

Portier also was charged with dereliction of duty because, prosecutors say, he failed to supervise Gallagher that day. He also was charged with failure to report war crimes allegations against Gallagher and with obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence.

Portier denied all charges and pleaded not guilty. He was set to be in court Friday for a motions hearing.

Navy Region Southwest spokesman Brian O'Rourke said he could not comment on the case.

"The news came as a surprise," he said.

Gallagher, 40, had been charged with premeditated murder in connection with the 2017 death of a captive teenage ISIS fighter he was treating for injuries. He also faced charges related to allegations that he shot at civilians and tried to intimidate witnesses.

He was acquitted July 2 of all those charges but convicted of one, a charge for posing with the fighter's corpse. He was reduced a rank to E-6. Portier's attorney Jeremiah Sullivan did not immediately return a request for comment.

Updates:

6:14 PM, Aug. 01, 2019: This story was updated with comments from Admiral Richardson's spokeswoman and Jeremiah Sullivan, Lt. Jacob Portier's civilian defense attorney.

7:04 PM, Aug. 01, 2019: This story was updated with additional information and new comments from Admiral Richardson's spokeswoman denying he has taken over as convening authority in the Gallagher case.

6:44 PM, Aug. 01, 2019: This story was updated with news that authority over the case of Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher has also been shifted to Admiral Richardson.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-01/navys-top-admiral-steps-in-drops-charges-dropped-against-seal~>

5. Navy orders justice system review after SEAL's acquittal (ASSOCIATED PRESS SAN DIEGO 2 AUG 19) ... BRIAN MELLEY AND JULIE WATSON

The Navy dismissed charges Thursday against an officer accused of covering up war crimes by a SEAL later acquitted of murder, and ordered a review of the service's justice system.

The action by the chief of naval operations in the case of Lt. Jacob Portier is the latest blow to military prosecutors and comes a month after a jury cleared Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher of murder and attempted murder charges. Portier, the leader of Gallagher's platoon, faced charges of dereliction of duty, destruction of evidence and conduct unbecoming an officer for holding Gallagher's re-enlistment ceremony next to the corpse of a teen Islamic State militant the decorated SEAL was accused of stabbing to death after treating the boy's wounds.

Adm. John Richardson dismissed the case because it was "in the best interest of justice and the Navy," according to a statement.

Defense attorney Jeremiah J. Sullivan III said Portier was relieved to get the news and is still "proud to wear the uniform" and would happily return to combat.

Gallagher was convicted of a single charge of posing for photos with the 17-year-old militant's corpse. He was sentenced to the maximum penalty of four months but will serve no jail time because he was confined longer while awaiting trial.

Richardson intervened a day after President Donald Trump ordered the secretary of the Navy on Wednesday to strip prosecutors of medals they were awarded for their handling of the case despite the fact Gallagher was acquitted on the most serious charges.

Eugene Fidell, who teaches military justice at Yale Law School and served as a lawyer in the U.S. Coast Guard, said he has never seen anything like this.

He said there should be a court of inquiry — the highest level of investigative body under the military justice system — and that the proceedings should be made public because the American people deserve answers.

"We're entitled to more of an explanation as to why the case against Lt. Portier is being ditched," he said. "Are they saying the entire investigation, the entire set of facts have been corrupted beyond repair? That doesn't follow."

Sullivan, a former Navy prosecutor and military judge, said events of the last two days were a scathing indictment against military prosecutors and he wouldn't be surprised if resignations follow.

"The legal military justice system — their integrity has just been eviscerated," Sullivan said. "It's certainly discrediting to the Navy leadership to have the president of the United States strip away awards."

A prosecutor who had been removed from the case before trial — and not given a medal — was admonished for taking part in an effort that used software to track emails sent to the defense team that a judge said violated Gallagher's constitutional rights.

The email tracking was meant to ferret out the source of leaks to the news media that plagued the case. The Navy said it never found the leak.

The Gallagher case was further doomed at trial when one of his fellow SEALs took the stand for the prosecution and said he killed the Islamic State militant himself.

Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Corey Scott, who testified with immunity from prosecution, said Gallagher had stabbed the teen. But he stunned the court when he told the jury the boy would have survived those wounds except that Scott had plugged his breathing tube.

Prosecutors were investigating Scott for perjury, but Richardson blocked prosecutors from taking any action against him. Defense lawyer Brian Ferguson said Scott was "profoundly grateful" the chief of naval operations intervened to exonerate Portier. He also thanked the president for his interest in the case.

Scott called Portier "a model of courage on the battlefield in the fight against ISIS and back home in the defense of his platoon," Ferguson said.

Lawyers for Gallagher are fighting his sentencing, which included a reduction in rank that would affect his benefits as he prepares to retire.

The sentence must be approved by the commanding officer who oversaw the court martial.

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/navy-orders-justice-system-review-seals-acquittal-64726149~>

6. If we want troops to follow orders, we should trust their justice system

The president wants to free convicts and punish their lawyers. He's putting the command structure at risk.

(Washington Post 1 AUG 19) ... Rachel E. VanLandingham and Geoffrey S. Corn

On Wednesday, President Trump lashed out on Twitter at the Navy judge advocate officers who prosecuted his favorite Navy SEAL, Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher. They had, he wrote, been "ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal." He went on to claim that he had "directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards." We don't know the basis for such awards. But whether they were granted for the officers' roles in Gallagher's recent court-martial or not, the president's punitive ire risks causing dangerous reverberating effects.

This is not the first time Trump has waded into the waters of military justice. Of course, as commander in chief, the president is vested with a legitimate responsibility related to the order and discipline of the armed forces. But while this latest commentary may not have crossed a legal line, it demonstrates, again, the president's unfortunate and dangerous misunderstanding of the military justice system — a system specifically developed to ensure good order and discipline. Even worse, his commentary could be viewed as an effort to improperly manipulate the process of military justice. Ultimately, the potential damage to the integrity of this unique system of justice is profound.

The president's ire seems to be based, in part, on his assumption that military prosecutors acted improperly. But if they did act unethically, either their supervisors or the military judge presiding over the trial would have initiated an ethics inquiry. The fact that no such action has been taken indicates the president is simply misinformed. Worse yet, it demonstrates an unjustified lack of confidence in the integrity of the prosecutors the president attacked and the military legal system itself.

[I led a platoon in Iraq. Trump is wrong to pardon war criminals.]

How will military lawyers and the commanders they advise respond to future allegations of war crimes, knowing they may be excoriated, or worse, by the commander in chief? Will the president's criticism of the decision to prosecute Gallagher — a decision based on credible evidence and made not by prosecutors but by a senior and highly experienced military commander — adversely influence future assessments of similar cases? These are difficult questions to answer. Whatever

the answer, Trump's public diatribe threatens the credibility of a system of justice that has helped maintain order and discipline in our armed forces for centuries. Worse yet, it chips away at public trust in the integrity of this system. With less than 2 percent of Americans serving in the armed forces and only a tiny minority of them ever involved in military criminal cases, public confidence in our military justice system largely depends on what comes through in the media. And the president seems as perplexed as anyone about which cases are brought to trial and why. The resulting distortions may only make it harder to hold service members accountable for wartime misconduct.

Gallagher's case demonstrates how difficult it has become to ensure public accountability for alleged war crimes. His supporters, including the president, were vocal critics of the decision to bring the allegation of murder to trial by court-martial. These critics — and those who question other prosecutions — ignore the fact that cases such as Gallagher's end up in a military courtroom precisely because of credible evidence indicating violations of the most basic rules of war — rules that American forces are expected to, and almost always do, respect.

These would-be defenders of service members also fail to grasp a basic truth that senior military commanders recognize — the danger of ignoring such violations. Inevitably, the impulse to overlook alleged war crimes derives from the mistaken idea that volunteering for military service somehow immunizes service members from disciplinary consequences of their criminal misconduct. Such a fallacy belies the reality that adhering to these laws ensures disciplined forces, operational success and moral clarity.

Army Lt. Clint Lorance's court-martial, conviction and subsequent call for presidential pardon provides another example of the danger of distorted public narratives. After he was convicted of murder based on his orders to his soldiers to fire upon men on a motorcycle and on his attempts to conceal the crime, a campaign to secure his pardon painted him as the victim of a rush to judgment. But Lorance's case went to trial only after his commanding general reviewed all the available information and concluded that his conduct fell outside the scope of the violence justified by a situation of combat. His case was then presented to a jury of military officers — jurors with an innate understanding of what it means to be in combat.

That trial afforded him all the rights any criminal defendant would have in a civilian court, and his conviction required his military jury to be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of his guilt. The military officers who judged Lorance were not naive about the confusing and challenging conditions of battle; they appreciated better than most that the proverbial fog of war often results in tragic but understandable mistakes. Ultimately, they convicted him based on the strength of the evidence, despite their appreciation of the complexities of war.

[Sorry, Trump, but the U.S. can't use 'overwhelming force' if Iran attacks 'anything American']

Like those who demanded charges against Gallagher be dismissed without a trial, the people who called upon the president to pardon Lorance no doubt believe it was somehow unfair to subject him to criminal accountability for his crimes. But in all such cases, even acquittal on the most serious charges is not an indication that the military justice system failed. Instead, it reaffirms that system's fairness and ability to ensure that a conviction or acquittal must be based on admissible evidence and not speculation.

Accountability for battlefield misconduct is an essential component of command responsibility, one shouldered by our military commanders and the president. It includes the duty to ensure our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines face the challenges of war with honor. It also means that the officers entrusted with leadership must ensure that transgressors are held accountable using the well-developed processes established for that purpose — and that when the evidence supports sending a case to trial by court-martial, military prosecutors zealously prosecute the case in accordance with law and ethics. When they do so, an acquittal does not justify approbation, especially from the commander in chief.

Unfortunately, the president missed the true message of this case — that the system worked and justice was served. This should be viewed as a source of pride by the president and the American public, not cause for condemnation.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/08/01/if-we-want-troops-follow-orders-we-should-trust-their-justice-system/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a7f0a0fc6c4c

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FYSA, today, POTUS made the following announcements of interest:

- Via Twitter, he said he has directed SECNAV and CNO to rescind the awards given to members of the prosecution team in the Gallagher case - see  
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/31/trump-orders-navy-to-rescind-awards-to-prosecutors-of-seal-eddie-gallagher.html>

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**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** CNLSC interim update regarding CNO directive

(b) (6),

RADM Crandall is currently on travel, but he wanted me to provide you with an interim update on our efforts in response to CNO's directive regarding the revoked awards. All 10 award recipients have acknowledged that they will return their revoked awards and will not use them for official purposes. None of these awards are in the members' records, as the command had not yet forward them to DNS-35 or PERS-312. We are waiting for written confirmations from DNS-35 and PERS-312, and for all 10 members to return the physical awards (some were on leave or had left the awards at home today). RADM Crandall will provide a final response once all of these requirements are complete.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything else you need.

V/r,

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2019 12:50  
**To:** (b) (6) CIV (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW)

(b) (6),

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**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW)  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning. Please see the attached memo from Commander, Naval Legal Service Command.

Very Respectfully,

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(b) (6) CIV (USA)

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**From:** (b) (6) CIV OPNAV, DNS-35  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2019 13:28  
**To:** (b) (6) CIV (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW) with Enclosures  
**Attachments:** REVO RLSO Southwest Jul 2019.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

(b) (6),

Thank you. We received it earlier and so as this attached revocation letter from SECNAV. No NDAWS records made when I checked earlier. PERS have already verified their OMPF and no record of those awards have been entered.

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**Subject:** RE: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW) with Enclosures  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 6:34 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) (b) (6); Purnell, Charles Neal II CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: GALLAGHER  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Chuck, (b) (6),

Thanks.

R/ Dave

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Date:** Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 4:30 PM  
**To:** Purnell, Charles Neal II CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA) (b) (6) Bligh, David J Col OJAG, Code 02 (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: GALLAGHER

Gentlemen,

I alerted the Front Office about this matter, as well.

CHINFO is currently working it, from the PA side.

V/R,

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**To:** Bligh, David J Col OJAG, Code 02 (b) (6)

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**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

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**Date:** Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 7:25 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6) — Please research in the morning. I would like to execute and report completion as soon as possible. Thanks.  
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**To:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN CNO (US)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Sir,

Thanks for the additional call on the issue. We're working it.

V/r,

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**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

(b) (6),

Understood. We were tracking the same requirements regarding NDAWS and OMPF and are working the documents now.

V/r,

(b) (6)

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**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Attachments:** CNLSC Memo Ser 001\_0105 dtd 1 Aug 19.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

(b) (6),

I've attached RADM Crandall's memo pursuant to CNO's direction. We are still working on distributing it to all parties, but I wanted to be sure you had it. Thanks for the assistance, and please let me know if you need anything more as we work through this.

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(b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

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**From:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN CNO (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 6:33 AM  
**To:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

(b) (6),

Good morning. I just wanted to reach out with some guidance on the revocation of awards and ensure you had good contact info for me (phone numbers in my sig block).

To confirm that revocation of the medals is completed, we will need to know that all awards have been collected (citations, medals, or gold stars). Confirmation that NDAWS entries were not made or have been deleted. Finally, we will need confirmation that the awards have not been entered into the members OMPF or if already submitted, confirmation that the process to remove them from the OMPF has been initiated.

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V/r,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

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**From:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:24 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6) — Received your email. Understand the direction and will report completion to (b) (6). Thanks.

V/r, Del

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Date:** Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 7:02 PM  
**To:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)

**Subject:** Revocation of Awards

Admiral

Sending the attached memo on behalf of CNO, for NLSC to execute the Secretary's direction and revoke the awards listed in the enclosure.

Thank you

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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**From:** Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 2:33 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Cc:** Sharp, Gary E CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

(b) (6) :

All 10 recipients have been notified and signed the acknowledgement forms. I will not be able to get all the awards back today, since some have them at home, and one person is on leave out of the area. We are in the process of getting confirmations back from DNS-35 and PERS-312, but may not have that today either. I can confirm that nothing is in anyone's record, because the awards had not yet been sent to NDAWS, which is the first step. Once we get all the required documentation, I will send you a proper response.

Thank you.

V/R

MAL

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 7:30 AM  
**To:** Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Revocation of Awards

Ma'am,

Attached please find a memo from CNLSC directing the implementation of award revocation, as ordered by SECNAV in Enclosure (1). I've also attached a sample acknowledgment memo for your use. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

(b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

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**From:** Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:07 AM  
**To:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Received, thank you.  
V/R  
MAL

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**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Revocation of Awards

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Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)



(b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

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**From:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 2:35 PM  
**To:** Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)  
**Cc:** Sharp, Gary E CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Thank you Ma'am. I appreciate the update!

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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**From:** Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 2:33 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6) :

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**From:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN CNO (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:13 AM  
**To:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

(b) (6),

In receipt, thank you.

V/r,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6),

I've attached RADM Crandall's memo pursuant to CNO's direction. We are still working on distributing it to all parties, but I wanted to be sure you had it. Thanks for the assistance, and please let me know if you need anything more as we work through this.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 6:33 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards

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V/r,

(b)

(6)

[Redacted signature block]

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**From:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:24 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

[Redacted email body content]

**Subject:** RE: Revocation of Awards

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V/r, Del

Sent with BlackBerry Work  
(www.blackberry.com)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Date:** Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 7:02 PM

**To:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)

[Redacted email body content]

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Revocation of Awards

Admiral

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Thank you

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN NAVCIVLAWSUPPACT DC (USA)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) (b) (6) CIV OJAG,  
OJAG  
**Subject:** RE: Unredacted Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Thanks (b) (6)

Very Respectfully,  
(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:26 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Unredacted Awards

(b) (6),

Please find attached.

V/r,  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 12:45 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: Updates

Roger. Thanks.

Sent with BlackBerry Work  
(www.blackberry.com)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Date:** Thursday, Aug 01, 2019, 9:41 AM  
**To:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Updates

Admiral,

Just a quick update:

- I've spoken with CAPT Sharp and CAPT Larrea, and have emailed them the memos.
- I emailed the memo to (b) (6) so he's tracking our progress.
- (b) (6) is working on distributing your memo to all of the "Copy to" offices.
- (b) (6) and I are working with the CNO's awards board to rescind CAPT Larrea's EOT nomination.
- JAG is on standby to meet with CNO this morning.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)



(b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

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**From:** (b) (6) (b) (6) USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:56 AM  
**To:** Sharp, Gary E CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)  
**Subject:** Revocation of Awards  
**Attachments:** Encls (1) and (2) SECNAV and CNO Memos dtd 31 Jul 19.pdf; CNLSC Memo Ser 001\_0105 dtd 1 Aug 19.pdf; Acknowledgment of Award Revocation.docx  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Sir,

Attached please find a memo from CNLSC directing the implementation of award revocation, as ordered by SECNAV in Enclosure (1). I've also attached a sample acknowledgment memo for your use. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)



**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:03 PM  
**To:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Revocation of Awards  
**Attachments:** REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND LETTERS OF COMMENDATION.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Admiral

Sending the attached memo on behalf of CNO, for NLSC to execute the Secretary's direction and revoke the awards listed in the enclosure.

Thank you

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)  
**Subject:** Updates  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Admiral,

Just a quick update:

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Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

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**From:** (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 6:12 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (USA)  
**Cc:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)  
**Subject:** CNLSC interim update regarding CNO directive  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

CDR (b) (6),

RADM Crandall is currently on travel, but he wanted me to provide you with an interim update on our efforts in response to CNO's directive regarding the revoked awards. All 10 award recipients have acknowledged that they will return their revoked awards and will not use them for official purposes. None of these awards are in the members' records, as the command had not yet forward them to DNS-35 or PERS-312. We are waiting for written confirmations from DNS-35 and PERS-312, and for all 10 members to return the physical awards (some were on leave or had left the awards at home today). RADM Crandall will provide a final response once all of these requirements are complete.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything else you need.

V/r,

(b) (6)

Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

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**From:** (b) (6) CIV (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:55 AM  
**To:** (b) (6) CIV USN SECNAV WASHINGTON DC (USA); (b) (6)  
CIV USN CNO (US); (b) (6) CIV USN (USA); (b) (6) CIV USN  
COMNAVPERSCOM (USA); (b) (6) CIV USN (US); (b) (6) CIV USN CNO  
(USA)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA); (b) (6) CDR USN  
COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Subject:** CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW)  
**Attachments:** CNLSC Memo Ser 001\_0105 dtd 1 Aug 19.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)  
  
**Importance:** High

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning. Please see the attached memo from Commander, Naval Legal Service Command.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)  
(b) (6), Department of Navy  
Office of the Judge Advocate General  
Commercial: (b) (6)  
DSN: (b) (6)  
NIPR: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

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**From:** (b) (6) CIV (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 1:02 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) CIV USN SECNAV WASHINGTON DC (USA); (b) (6)  
CIV USN CNO (US); (b) (6) CIV USN (USA); (b) (6) CIV USN  
COMNAVPERSCOM (USA); (b) (6) CIV USN (US); (b) (6) CIV USN CNO  
(USA)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA); (b) (6) CDR USN  
COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Subject:** CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW) with Enclosures  
**Attachments:** CNLSC Memo Ser dtd 1 Aug 19 with Encls.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. My apologies; the first attachment did not include the enclosures. The new attachment is the full product.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)  
(b) (6), Department of Navy  
Office of the Judge Advocate General  
Commercial: (b) (6)  
DSN: (b) (6)  
NIPR: (b) (6)

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CIV USN COMNAVPERSCOM (USA); (b) (6); (b) (6) CIV USN (US); (b) (6);  
(b) (6) CIV USN CNO (USA); (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA); (b) (6); (b) (6) CDR USN  
COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA); (b) (6)  
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Commercial: (b) (6)  
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NIPR: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

**From:** (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 4:05 PM  
**To:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) LT USN (USA)  
**Subject:** Draft interim response to CNO  
**Attachments:** CNLSC Initial Response to CNO.docx  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Admiral,

I've drafted an initial response to CNO if you'd like to get him something today. This is based on an email from CAPT Larrea where she said this:

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(b) (6)

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Thank you.

V/R

MAL

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Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

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**From:** Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2019 4:43 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) LCDR USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)  
**Subject:** FW: AWARDS REVOCATION  
**Attachments:** AWARDS REVOCATION PACKAGE.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

CDR (b) (6) here is the acknowledgement.

Thank you.

V/R

MAL

CAPT Meg Larrea, JAGC, USN  
Commanding Officer  
Region Legal Service Office Southwest

(b) (6)

Office: (b) (6)

DSN prefix: (b) (6)

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**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2019 4:55 PM  
**To:** Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) LT USN (USA)  
**Subject:** FW: AWARDS REVOCATION  
**Attachments:** AWARDS REVOCATION PACKAGE.pdf; CNLSC Final Response to CNO.docx  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Admiral,

Attached is confirmation from CAPT Larrea of completion of the revocation. I've also attached a draft letter responding to the CNO. Are you able to sign on your surface pro?

Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

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**Cc:** (b) (6) LCDR USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)

**Subject:** FW: AWARDS REVOCATION

CDR (b) (6) here is the acknowledgement.

Thank you.

V/R

MAL

CAPT Meg Larrea, JAGC, USN

Commanding Officer

Region Legal Service Office Southwest

(b) (6)

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(b) (6) CIV (USA)

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**From:** (b) (6) CIV (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2019 13:22  
**To:** (b) (6) CIV OPNAV, DNS-35  
**Subject:** FW: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW) with Enclosures  
**Attachments:** CNLSC Memo Ser dtd 1 Aug 19 with Encls.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

(b) (6),

Good afternoon. I have (b) (5) and also wanted to forward this along just in case you have not received it yet.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)  
(b) (6), Department of Navy  
Office of the Judge Advocate General  
Commercial: (b) (6)  
DSN: (b) (6)  
NIPR: (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6) CIV (USA)  
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CIV USN CNO (US) (b) (6); (b) (6) CIV USN (USA) (b) (6); (b) (6)  
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**Subject:** CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW) with Enclosures

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. My apologies; the first attachment did not include the enclosures. The new attachment is the full product.

Very Respectfully,

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(b) (6), Department of Navy  
Office of the Judge Advocate General  
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**Importance:** High

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Very Respectfully,

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**Subject:** FW: Revocation of Awards  
**Attachments:** REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND LETTERS OF COMMENDATION.pdf

To all,  
Just looping you in for SA.  
V/R,  
CAPT (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6) CAPT USN CNO (US) (b) (6)  
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Admiral

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Thank you

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)  
Captain, US Navy

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**Subject:** FW: Revocation of Awards  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

(b) (6) — Please research in the morning. I would like to execute and report completion as soon as possible. Thanks.  
V/r, Del

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**Subject:** FW: Unredacted Awards  
**Attachments:** Combined award docs.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Very Respectfully,

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Please find attached.

V/r,

(b) (6)

CDR (b) (6), JAGC, USN

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**Importance:** High

(b) (6)  
Good afternoon, and see below. I am sure that CHINFO is going to be working up a product that lays out the process for rescinding awards. Can you please have one of your folks pull the reference and send it to me? I recall that this has happened before with a couple of GDMA cases.

V/R,

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**From:** Purnell, Charles Neal II CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)  
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**To:** Bligh, David J Col OJAG, Code 02  
**Cc:** (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA); (b) (6) CIV OJAG, PAO  
**Subject:** GALLAGHER  
**Signed By:** (b) (6)

Dave:

I'm sure you're all over this, but just wanted to make sure you'd seen the President's latest tweets:

"The Prosecutors who lost the case against SEAL Eddie Gallagher who I released from solitary confinement so he could fight his case properly were ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal. Not only did they lose the case, they had difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers and for giving immunity in a totally incompetent fashion. I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer and Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards. I am very happy for Eddie Gallagher and his family!"

Ouch.

V/r,

Chuck

Charles Purnell  
CAPT, JAGC, USN  
AJAG (CJDON)

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**Attachments:** Morning News of Note 1 Aug 2019.pdf

MORNING NEWS OF NOTE  
As of 0430 Hours, August 1

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Tweets of Note

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) said: "Last night, the Senate unanimously voted to confirm David Norquist as Deputy Secretary of Defense at @DeptofDefense. This is great news — David is the right man for the job." On the Middle East, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo wrote: "Recently, President @realDonaldTrump sanctioned Iran's Supreme Leader, who enriched himself at the expense of the Iranian people. Today, the U.S. designated his chief apologist [Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif]. He's just as complicit in the regime's outlaw behavior as the rest of [Ayatollah Khamenei's] mafia." And U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad tweeted: "Wrapping up my most productive visit to #Afghanistan since I took this job as Special [Representative]. The U.S. and Afghanistan have agreed on next steps. And a negotiating team and technical support group are being finalized."

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TOP NEWS

1. Pentagon Outlines Funds Targeted for Wall

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A5 | Ben Kesling

The \$6.1 billion in Defense Department funds that will be diverted to expand the barrier at the Mexican border will be taken out of programs ranging from funding of Afghan security forces to a retirement program for the U.S. military, as well as construction projects for military bases around the world, Pentagon officials said this week.

2. Sanctions imposed on Iranian foreign minister

Washington Post, Aug. 1, Pg. A2 | Carol Morello and Karen DeYoung

The Trump administration imposed sanctions on Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Wednesday in a dramatic step bound to further escalate tensions with Tehran. A senior administration official said Zarif had acted more as a "propaganda minister" than a diplomat. "Today, President Trump decided enough is enough," the official said.

3. Pompeo says U.S. not asking Asia to take sides

Associated Press, Aug. 1 | Eileen Ng

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday that Washington isn't asking any Asian nation to take sides as it engages with the region where China is battling for influence and aggressively expanding territorial claims in the South China Sea.

LETHALITY

4. CNO Nominee Gilday Names AI as Top Tech Priority

Seapower Magazine Online, July 31 | Richard R. Burgess

The newest nominee for chief of naval operations listed his top three technology priorities to the Senate Armed Services Committee during his July 31 confirmation hearing, with artificial intelligence coming in as No. 1.

5. 'A Failure of the Navy:' Next CNO Addresses Problems with New Carrier

Military.com, July 31 | Gina Harkins

The admiral tapped to lead the Navy did not hold back when questioned by lawmakers about a host of problems that have delayed the delivery of a new aircraft carrier and pushed it far over budget. Vice Adm. Michael Gilday faced tough questions from lawmakers about big problems aboard the \$13 billion aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford during his Senate confirmation hearing to serve as the next chief of naval operations.

6. US Navy jet crashes in Death Valley National Park, injuring seven

CNN.com, July 31 | Ryan Browne and Zachary Cohen

A US Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet jet crashed Wednesday in Death Valley National Park, at a spot known to aviation enthusiasts as Star Wars Canyon, according to park spokesman Patrick Taylor, who told CNN that seven visitors suffered minor injuries as a result. The crash occurred east of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in California, according to the Navy. "Search and rescue personnel are on scene and the status of the pilot is currently unknown," Lt. Cmdr. Lydia Bock, a spokesperson for the Joint Strike Fighter Wing, said in a statement.

## ALLIANCES/PARTNERSHIPS

7. Pentagon pushes Egypt to fight counterinsurgency campaign in Sinai

Al-Monitor, July 31 | Jack Detsch

In his first meeting with a Middle East nation since his confirmation as defense secretary, Mark Esper pressed his Egyptian counterpart this week to wage a counterinsurgency-style fight in the Sinai Peninsula. "During his visit, I spoke to [Defense] Minister [Mohammad] Zaki extensively about their efforts in Sinai and it's clear we share the importance of a population-centric approach, even if it takes longer to be successful," Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East Mick Mulroy said in a statement provided exclusively to Al-Monitor.

8. Top U.S. admiral nominee says foreign partners would do most of the work in Gulf plan

The Hill Online, July 31 | Rebecca Kheel

The United States envisions a plan to escort ships through the Gulf region being carried out "80 or 90 percent" by allies and partners, the admiral nominated to lead the Navy said Wednesday. "The coalition that we're building in the Arabian Gulf and specifically in the Strait of Hormuz is going to be 80 or 90 percent a coalition effort and a much smaller U.S. effort," Vice Adm. Michael Gilday told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday, using an alternate name for the Persian Gulf. "It is primarily focused on providing intelligence support to the rest of the coalition. So we will escort our ships as they come along, but we won't be there in great numbers. The idea is for the regional partners to bear the lion's share of the burden."

9. No plan to change South Korea-U.S. military exercise, U.S. official says

Reuters, Aug. 1 | Idrees Ali

The United States does not plan to make changes to a military drill with South Korea, a senior U.S. defense official said on Wednesday, despite a series of North Korean missile launches intended to pressure Seoul and Washington to stop joint exercises.

10. Bolton suggests fivefold rise in Japan's spending on U.S. military

Asahi Shimbun (Japan) Online, July 31 | Shigeki Tosa and Yoshihiro Makino

The Trump administration is seeking up to a fivefold increase in what Japan pays to support U.S. military forces based here, a U.S. government source said.



11. US boosts Brazil status as military ally  
Agence France-Presse, July 31 | Not Attributed  
President Donald Trump on Wednesday boosted Brazil's status as a US military ally, easing the path for the Latin American giant to buy more sophisticated weaponry.

## REFORM

12. Hypersonics: From Zero To 40 Plus Flights In Next Four Years  
BreakingDefense.com, July 31 | Colin Clark  
The Pentagon plans to nearly double its spending on hypersonic-related technologies in fiscal year 2020 — if Congress approves it — and hopes to run around 40 flight tests of hypersonic vehicles over the next four years, Pentagon officials say.

## GREAT POWER COMPETITION

13. Hyten: Arms shortfalls in China war  
Washington Times (Inside the Ring), Aug. 1, Pg. A9 | Bill Gertz  
Air Force Gen. John Hyten, nominee for vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, this week outlined U.S. military concerns about weapons shortfalls that increase risks for any future conflict with China. Gen. Hyten, currently commander of U.S. Strategic Command, said in a prepared statement to the Senate Armed Services Committee made public Tuesday that China's missile forces pose the most significant threat to U.S. forces.

14. Competition (With China) IS The New Deterrence, U.S. Military Leaders Say  
BreakingDefense.com, July 31 | Theresa Hitchens  
"The most important word in the [National Defense Strategy] is compete," Gen. Timothy Ray, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, told reporters here today. And senior officers speaking at Strategic Command's 10th annual deterrence conference here fixated on China as the likeliest US adversary.

15. Landmark U.S.-Russia arms control treaty poised for final blow  
The Hill Online, July 31 | Rebecca Kheel and Morgan Chalfant  
The U.S. is about to officially toss out a 30-year-old arms control treaty credited with helping end the Cold War. Friday marks the end of a six-month withdrawal period from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, after the Trump administration announced in February that the U.S. was leaving the pact. That means the U.S. will be freed from its obligations under the accord. Now, all eyes are looking to see what comes next in U.S.-Russia arms control, with a particular focus on the administration's preparations to move forward with previously banned weapons.

## EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE

16. The Pentagon's top two jobs are finally filled  
Military Times Online, July 31 | Meghann Myers  
After a whirlwind few weeks, the Defense Department has two confirmed officials in its top civilian roles, and the Navy secretary has gone back to his official duties. Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist took his oath on Wednesday afternoon, according to a Pentagon release, following his confirmation by the Senate on Tuesday evening.

17. Navy SEAL prosecutors to be stripped of achievement medals  
Associated Press, July 31 | Jill Colvin  
Navy officials said Wednesday they are pulling achievement medals from prosecutors who argued the case against a decorated Navy SEAL who was acquitted in the death of a wounded Islamic State captive after President Donald Trump intervened.

## SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

18. U.S. Says It Killed Bin Laden Son Who Was Groomed to Lead Al Qaeda  
New York Times, Aug. 1, Pg. A8 | Julian E. Barnes, Adam Goldman and Eric Schmitt  
Osama bin Laden's son Hamza bin Laden, who was viewed as an eventual heir to the leadership of Al Qaeda and had repeatedly threatened to attack the United States, is dead, according to two American officials. Details of the strike that killed him were scarce, including when and where. The United States government played a role in the operation, but it was not clear how, according to the officials, who discussed his death on the condition of anonymity because it involved sensitive operations and intelligence gathering.
19. Afghan Troops Are Shorthanded as U.S. Pursues Peace Agreement  
Bloomberg News, July 31 | Glen Carey  
Afghanistan's army remains seriously shorthanded, a Pentagon watchdog found, as the Trump administration tries to negotiate a peace agreement with the Taliban enemies of the government in Kabul.
20. Afghanistan names team to talk to Taliban, expecting swift U.S. deal to leave  
Reuters, July 31 | Rupam Jain and Abdul Qadir Sediqi  
The Afghan government named a team on Wednesday to negotiate directly with the Taliban, in the expectation that Washington was on the cusp of agreeing to withdraw troops after 18 years of war, meeting the insurgents' precondition for talks with Kabul. The U.S. special representative for Afghanistan peace talks, Zalmay Khalilzad, tweeted that he was on his way to negotiation venue Qatar, ready to close a deal to end the war that began in 2001 after the September 11 attacks on the United States.
21. The Air Force is ramping up its airstrikes in Somalia  
Air Force Times Online, July 31 | Stephen Losey  
The Air Force has already carried out as many airstrikes in Somalia in the first seven months of 2019 as it did in all of 2018. In an email Monday, Col. Chris Karns, a spokesman for United States Africa Command, said that a July 27 airstrike in Somalia brought the total number of airstrikes in the African nation to 47, the same as 2018's total.
22. Nigeria Secretly Buries War Dead To Mask Toll  
Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A18 | Joe Parkinson  
At the northern edge of this city's military base, a vast field of churned soil conceals the hidden toll of a deadly offensive by the allies of Islamic State. After dark, the bodies of soldiers are covertly transported from a mortuary that at times gets so crowded the corpses are delivered by truck, according to Nigerian soldiers, diplomats and a senior government official. The bodies are laid by flashlight into trenches dug by infantrymen or local villagers paid a few dollars per shift. The burials convey a picture at odds with a war Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, a former general, has repeatedly claimed his army has won. The reality is that Africa's largest land force -- a U.S. counterterrorism ally -- is struggling against an insurgency that first flared a decade ago and is now rejuvenated by Islamic State and the return of fighters from Libya, Syria and Iraq.
23. Kim Calls New Rocket 'Inescapable' To Enemies  
New York Times, Aug. 1, Pg. A9 | Choe Sang-Hun  
North Korea said on Thursday that its leader, Kim Jong-un, attended the testing of a new type of large-caliber, multiple-launch, guided rocket system that could expand the North's ability to strike South Korea and the American forces stationed there.

#### NOTABLE COMMENTARY

24. Pillars of nuclear arms control are teetering  
Financial Times (UK), Aug. 1, Pg. 10 | Editorial  
Barring a miraculous turnaround, a key pillar of the cold war-era nuclear arms control architecture will tumble this week. First the US then Russia suspended participation this year in the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, which banned missiles with a range of 500km-5500km, over Washington and Nato's claims that Moscow has developed missiles breaching the agreement. Unless Russia destroys those missiles by August 2, the US is set to terminate the

treaty. This is not just highly dangerous for European security. It is a further step in the unravelling of arms control and rekindling of the nuclear arms race.

25. It's Absurd To Ask China To Disarm  
Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A17 | Zhou Bo

The Chinese government sent Vice Premier Liu He to the U.S. in April with a brief to settle the tariff war between Beijing and Washington. But during an Oval Office news conference to address the progress of trade negotiations, President Trump abruptly changed the subject: "Between Russia and China and us, we're all making hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of weapons, including nuclear, which is ridiculous." Mr. Trump has since ordered his administration to prepare a push for new arms-control agreements with Russia and China. If Mr. Liu was surprised by the pivot from trade to arms control, he wasn't alone. To Chinese ears, Mr. Trump's claims make no sense. Between them, the U.S. and Russia possess 90% of the world's nuclear weapons. China has fewer nuclear warheads (290) than France (300), according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

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1. Trump Moves To Rescind Medals Awarded To Eddie Gallagher Prosecutors (31 JULY 2019, CNN.com) ... Jeremy Diamond and Barbara Starr

President Donald Trump on Wednesday ordered top Navy officials to rescind medals awarded to the prosecutors who unsuccessfully tried Navy SEAL team leader Eddie Gallagher for murder.

Trump, who has previously sided with Gallagher, slammed the prosecutors for "giving immunity in a totally incompetent fashion" in the course of the case and for having "difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers." The President said the Navy lawyers had been "ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal." "I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards," Trump tweeted.

The Secretary of the Navy is pulling the medals awarded to the Navy prosecution team, a Navy official told CNN. The official said it is within Spencer's authority to rescind the awards.

The President's criticisms appeared to stem from prosecutors' decision to give immunity to a key witness in the case who testified that he -- not Gallagher -- had killed the ISIS captive, as well as the former lead prosecutor's improper use of email software in emails to defense lawyers. That prosecutor was removed from the case.

Trump's order marked a rare and highly unusual intervention by a US President in the awarding of such commendations. The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal is typically awarded to personnel for accomplishments that do not rise to the level of the more prestigious Navy and Marine

Corps Commendation Medal, according to John Kirby, a CNN diplomatic and military analyst.

"I can't remember a time when a president involved himself in an award decision at this low a level," Kirby, a retired rear admiral, said.

The award "is typically given to junior officers and enlisted personnel and largely applies to noteworthy administrative and/or organizational accomplishments" and unit commanders typically hold discretion to award the medal.

Kirby argued that rescinding the award so publicly "unnecessarily demoralizes and demeans the men and women who received those medals, as well as the superior officers who saw fit to award them.

"Once again, he risks further politicizing the military," Kirby added.

Gallagher was found not guilty earlier in July of murdering a captive ISIS fighter and attempting to murder Iraqi civilians. A jury acquitted him of nearly all charges, but found him guilty of posing for photos with the captive's body.

Gallagher became a cause celebre in some conservative circles and his trial soon drew Trump's attention, with the commander in chief ordering that Gallagher be moved to "less restrictive confinement" while awaiting trial. Trump then cheered the not-guilty verdict, tweeting "congratulations" to Gallagher and his family.

"Glad I could help!" the President tweeted.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/31/politics/trump-rescindsnavy-prosecutors-medals/index.html>

2. Washington State Officials Weigh In On Lawsuit Against Navy (31 JULY 2019, Skagit Valley Herald) ... Brandon Stone  
Washington state officials are weighing in on a lawsuit filed by the attorney general against the Navy over its plans for expansion at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

In a letter to state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Oak Harbor Mayor Bob Severns condemned the lawsuit, calling it an irresponsible waste of resources and unjustifiable to the majority of his constituents.

Severns, who has served four years as mayor, said he believes the public understands the importance of the Navy's mission, and values it above the additional noise that will be caused by expansion.

Ferguson's suit comes after the Navy released plans in March to add 36 EA-18G Growler jets at NAS Whidbey Island, increasing aircraft activity at Outlying Field Coupeville from 90 to 360 hours, or about 100,000 takeoffs and landings each year.

Ferguson alleges that in its review process the Navy failed to adequately measure impacts to public health and to wildlife as a result of the additional noise, according to a news release from his office.

The Navy does not comment on pending litigation, according to reporting by The Associated Press.

Severns said if the state truly took issue with the Navy's Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, the state could have asked these questions during the six years the Navy spent conducting its studies.

Severns said NAS Whidbey is the largest employer in his county, and is integral to the regional economy. The lawsuit, he said, is a threat to the Navy's continued growth, and potentially to its presence on Whidbey Island.

"Your action could also adversely affect future Navy decisions, which could cripple the economy in our Pacific Northwest and leave us without the protection and support that we value as a community and a state," he wrote in his letter to Ferguson.

When he first ran for Oak Harbor City Council six years ago, Severns said he ran an extensive door-to-door campaign.

"Our goal was to knock on every door in Oak Harbor, and we pretty much did," he said.

He said he spoke favorably about the Navy, and none of the voters he spoke with disagreed with him, leading him to believe his constituents aren't bothered by the noise these jets create.

Helen Price Johnson, an Island County commissioner, said she's frustrated by the rhetoric around this lawsuit, and what it's actually alleging.

"This isn't a question of whether we support the Navy," she said, adding that NAS Whidbey is a vital part of Island County. "It's a question about process."

Even if the state's lawsuit is successful, it shouldn't threaten the Navy's plans for growth here, she said. It would merely require the Navy to perform a more detailed review of the potential environmental and health effects.

"All (it is) doing is making the Navy follow the rules like any other agency," she said.

She's long been a supporter of real-time noise monitoring, she said, which would be much more useful than the average noise level data the Navy provided.

With regards to the noise, she said it makes sense that most residents aren't too bothered by it because they don't live in the flight path.

"If you happen to be in that path, it's like living near an aircraft carrier," she said.

Her colleague, Commissioner Jill Johnson, opposes the suit.

If the lawsuit keeps the Navy from growing here, it will have to grow elsewhere, she said. Because the base is vital to about 70 percent of the county's economy, she said that will have disastrous effects on the region.

"What health impacts outweigh the impacts of people losing their jobs?" she said.

"The planes can be irritating, but the mission is of a much higher value to everyone I talk to," she said, adding that the dissenters are a vocal minority.

She accused Ferguson of making a political decision, saying he chose to get involved in this issue to appeal to potential donors in a bid for governor next year.

"Pandering isn't something we should respect," she said.

<https://www.stripes.com/news/navy/washington-stateofficials-weigh-in-on-lawsuit-against-navy-1.592643>

3. Pentagon No. 2 Confirmed By Senate (31 JULY 2019, Defense News) ... Aaron Mehta and Joe Gould

The Senate has confirmed David Norquist to be the deputy secretary of defense, locking in the Pentagon's top two leaders for the first time in 2019.

Norquist was confirmed by voice vote Tuesday evening, just a week after his nomination papers arrived in front of the Senate Armed Services Committee and six days after his nomination hearing - a sign of how uncontroversial his nomination has become.

Confirmed as the Pentagon's comptroller in 2017, has served as acting deputy defense secretary since the start of the year. He has drawn praise from senators on both sides of the aisle for his work with the Pentagon's first audit, and early this year started seeing vocal support from SASC chairman Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., who pushed the White House to formally nominate Norquist.

While the role of the deputy secretary varies from person to person, Norquist is expected to take over as the point man for the department on big-picture budget and technology issues.

He is also expected to take a hard look at the proposed Raytheon and United Technologies merger, which if approved would create one of the largest defense firms in the world.

The deputy secretary will guide the Pentagon's oversight of that pending merger, he told lawmakers at his confirmation hearing earlier this month. Defense Secretary Mark Esper, a former Raytheon executive, has recused himself from matters pertaining to his former employer.

The Pentagon's undersecretary for acquisitions, Ellen Lord, will analyze the risks to the industrial base risks and competition and make a recommendation. In mergers like this, the potential concerns would be a loss of competition or disruption for any specific products the military relies upon.

<https://www.defensenews.com/pentagon/2019/07/31/pentagon-no-2-confirmed-by-senate/>

#### 4. CNO Nominee Vows Probe Into Navy SEAL Scandals (31 JULY 2019, Navy Times) ... Leo Shane III

The nominee for the Navy's top uniformed post promised to "quickly and firmly" deal with any leadership failures among his service's special operations forces in the wake of a series of embarrassing scandals for the elite sailors.

Tapped to take over as the next chief of naval operations, Vice Adm. Michael Gilday told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday that investigations into alleged misbehavior by those service members are still ongoing and he was anxious to review the findings.

"Ethics is a particularly important point for me and that begins at the top of my leadership and extends through all of the flag officers as well as our commanders, right down through the chief petty officers, who I consider a critical link to ensure that every day we go to work, we bring our values with us," he said.

"It is especially important in combat that those values be maintained."

Last week, Special Operations Command officials in Iraq booted a SEAL platoon from there after accusations surfaced involving drinking, fraternization and sexual assault among its members. Days later, a member of SEAL Team 6 was charged with soliciting nude photos of women while impersonating other people.

The reports come between two high-profile trials of other Navy SEALs.

Earlier in July, Special Warfare Operator Chief Edward Gallagher was found not guilty in connection with the stabbing death of an Iraqi detainee but witnesses detailed a cowboy culture of deployed service members, punctuated by boozing on the battlefield and mugging for photos with the dead prisoner of war.

Special Operations Chief Tony DeDolph also goes on trial next week in connection with the hazing death of a Green Beret two years ago.

Despite the flood of negative news, Navy officials have publicly stated they do not see cultural problems eroding the sea service's community of special operators.

Under questioning from lawmakers, however, Gilday promised a closer look at that concern.

"I'm committed to the idea that we need people with dignity and respect," he told senators. "Physical violence, sexual assault have no place in the Navy."

Gilday, who has previously served as the head of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and 10th Fleet commander, was thrust into the path for the top Navy job after the sudden retirement of Adm. Bill Moran.

He had been confirmed for the chief of naval operations post before details emerged of a continuing professional relationship with a former public affairs officer embroiled in a sexual harassment scandal.

Despite that unexpected leadership shake-up, senators spoke highly of Gilday's experience and said they expected an easy confirmation for him.

"It has never been more important that our Navy have principled leaders who promote respect throughout the ranks, and adhere to a moral code that can serve as an example to all our sailors and Marines," said committee ranking member

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I. "We all expect and demand that you will be that leader."

The timing of that confirmation may be complicated, however. Senate officials were hoping to speed a final vote on Gilday's promotion through their chamber this week, ahead of the scheduled extended summer break.

If that action doesn't take place in the next few days, a final confirmation vote won't occur until early September, when lawmakers return to legislative business after work in their home districts.

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/pentagoncongress/2019/07/31/cno-nominee-vows-probe-into-navyseal-scandals/>

5. Insomnia In The Military Is Up 650 Percent Since 2003 - Here's How DoD Is Hoping To Curb That Trend (31 JULY 2019, Military Times) ... J.D. Simkins

More than ever, service members are struggling to fall asleep.

That was the takeaway, in layman's terms, of a 14-year study by the Sleep Research Society that analyzed the association of insomnia with combat exposure in 1.3 million military personnel.

From 1997 to 2011, reported rates of insomnia soared, the study found, a trend that spiked considerably following the 2003 invasion of Iraq, indicating a direct association between the disorder and exposure to combat.

In the eight years following the invasion, the rate of insomnia, a sleep disorder known to increase the risk of cardiovascular issues, diabetes, stroke, depression, and anxiety, skyrocketed 652 percent among military personnel.

And while post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries suffered as a result of combat deployments have been identified as known contributing factors, solutions to the alarming trend have proven to be elusive.

Until now.

Or, that is at least the hope for the Department of Defense in seeking answers with the help of Dr. Anne Germain, a sleep research expert who has been studying issues of insomnia and PTSD in the military for nearly 20 years.

DoD recently awarded Germain's company, Noctem, with a \$2 million contract to conduct trials on a sample group of 800 sailors and Marines in what amounts to the most extensive sleep trial DoD has ever undertaken.

Germain has conducted insomnia trials on service members and veterans before, achieving great results within only four weeks of commencing treatment, a success she hopes translates to this larger sample size.

The problem with traditional, face-to-face treatment plans - these therapeutic treatment methods are designed to steer clear of medication - is that accessibility to care can be challenging for those living in rural areas, or entirely impossible for deployed personnel, Germain told Military Times.

Traveling to meet with a specialist oftentimes only serves to perpetuate stress and anxiety, and in some places, the combined time spent between finding parking and sitting in a waiting room often surpasses the time in the presence of an actual therapist, Germain said.

To compensate, the doctor and a team of researchers at the University of Pittsburgh developed the Noctem app, a smartphone platform patients can use to actively engage with their clinicians anytime, anywhere.

The app will be the treatment delivery method the 800 sailors and Marines of this trial.

"Patients using the app essentially have a sleep coach in their pocket, and the providers using the app can monitor, almost in real time, sleep health and behaviors that effect sleep quality," Germain said.

One way providers monitor a patient's progress is by viewing a short set of questions patients answer each morning and evening to document sleep patterns, recordings that can then be compared to sleep statistics of other anonymous app users.

Based on the information compiled, a clinician can then offer a personally-tailored plan that addresses how to quell any existing detriments to sound sleep - nightmares, for example.

And while these therapeutic treatment tactics come with the added bonus of the patient being able to avoid going to the doctor if they choose, Germain said this innovation is not designed to eliminate face-to-face treatment plans, but to increase the available treatment arsenal for a clinician.

"There are obviously people who require in-person access to clinicians, and distinguishing that is vital, because clinicians like myself are seeing patients, some of whom genuinely need in-person access but are waiting just as long for an appointment as those who may not need to be seen in person," she said.

With this new platform, those patients who may not require in-person care can use the app and still receive the same quality of treatment with the same results, Germain said.

As a result, year-long wait lists could become a thing of the past, as patients not requiring or seeking face-to-face treatment can make room for those who genuinely need it.

Above all, quality of care and treatment results remain paramount, something Germain's company will begin monitoring after the enrollment process of the 800 trial participants kicks off near the end of October.

"My primary goal is to make sure that people benefit from the treatment," she said.

"I'm not willing to compromise the quality of the outcome. It has to be as good on the digital platform as face-to-face.

Otherwise we're cheating the patients, service members and veterans."

<https://www.militarytimes.com/off-duty/militaryculture/2019/07/31/insomnia-in-the-military-is-up-650-percent-since-2003-heres-how-dod-is-hoping-to-curb-thattrend/>

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1. Trump telling the Navy to take back medals looks foolish and small

(CNN 1 AUG 19) ... John Kirby

President Trump's order this week to rescind medals and letters of commendation awarded to members of the prosecution team in the murder trial of Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher reminded me of one of my favorite Harry Truman sayings:

"Never kick a fresh turd on a hot day."

And boy, does it stink around here.

Let's look at the Navy's kick first.

The Navy's prosecution team did not exactly crown itself in glory.

The team was sanctioned by the judge for violating the constitutional rights of Chief Gallagher, who was accused of killing an ISIS captive in 2017.

The judge fired the lead prosecutor, Cmdr. Christopher Czaplak, for conducting a warrantless surveillance program that tracked emails between defense attorneys and the weekly newspaper, Navy Times.

According to Navy Times, one of the lawyers who was awarded a medal, Lt. Brian John, was praised in his citation for preparing the government's "most challenging witnesses." But that witness turned out to be fellow Navy SEAL Corey Scott, who stunned everyone in the courtroom -- including Lt. John -- by admitting to the murder.

The prosecution's case fell apart and Gallagher was convicted only of appearing in an inappropriate photograph with the victim's body.

But the Navy's chief faux pas may have been the manner in which it chose to recognize the prosecution's work: a public awards ceremony attended by the judge who presided over Gallagher's case as well as the related trial of Navy Lt. Jacob Portier.

Portier was the officer in charge of Gallagher's SEAL team who was accused of various offenses, including encouraging enlisted personnel to pose for photos with the body and failing to report war crimes. On Thursday night, the Navy announced it was dismissing all charges against Portier and reviewing the conduct of the prosecution team and the Navy judge advocate leadership -- a decision that seems fitting given the circumstances.

It's important to note that one of Portier's prosecutors was one of those officers awarded a medal in the Gallagher case. Whether or not you think that award was merited, the Navy and specifically Navy legal leadership came across as tone deaf.

The ceremony could have waited until after Portier's trial was complete, or more appropriately conducted as part of each person's end-of-tour recognition. And, given the outcome, notoriety and sensitive political nature of the Gallagher case, it could have been conducted in less public a fashion. Did no one see the perception problem of having a young prosecutor praised for his "exceptional ability, steadfast initiative, and selfless dedication to duty" right in front of the same judge who was presiding over a related case?

The Navy isn't the only one kicking up filth here. President Trump, in his order to strip honors from these lawyers, was petty, mean-spirited and small.

He made no secret of where his predilections lay in Gallagher's case. Spurred on by his base and by supporters of Chief

Gallagher, Mr. Trump ordered the SEAL into less restrictive pre-trial confinement and openly praised his military service before and during the trial.

When the verdict ultimately swung his way, Mr. Trump boasted about his role.

"Congratulations to Navy Seal Eddie Gallagher," he tweeted after the acquittal on July 3rd. "Glad I could help!"

With such comments, Mr. Trump risks tainting the military justice process.

He no doubt thinks he is further helping the Gallagher family by rescinding those awards. But here, too, he takes it too far.

"The Prosecutors who lost the case against SEAL Eddie Gallagher," he tweeted yesterday, "... were ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal. Not only did they lose the case, they had difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers ..."

To be sure, the President has every right to pull back the awards. He's the commander in chief, after all. Military awards and decorations fall under his writ, even at this low a level. But that he did so publicly -- and through a tweet no less -- cheapens the awards process and likely demoralizes the other men and women who have received those honors.

Navy Achievement Medals and letters of commendation are common in the service, designed to recognize relatively junior personnel for performance that doesn't rise to the level of higher awards. These accolades represent a nice bit of praise and contribute to good morale.

While it's absolutely fair to question why some of the lawyers in the Gallagher case received medals for, in effect, losing a case, it's also fair to question why everyone involved -- including junior enlisted personnel -- were denied appropriate recognition.

Two of the legal clerks had been lauded in letters of commendation now revoked for providing "exceptional and seamless pretrial litigation and logistical support." And two other sailors weren't even in the legal profession. One was a gunner's mate and the other a young seaman. They were simply helping out, following orders and doing their work commendably, honorably.

The President's blanket repudiation of all that work sends a horrible message to servicemen and women about the degree to which their sacrifices and hard work really matter to him. I cannot recall a time when a President involved himself so publicly and so viciously in military awards at this level.

Once again, Mr. Trump risks drawing the military into his political fights and his personal grudges. Once again, he sullies himself and the office he holds.

His supporters will no doubt praise him for championing a hero and hitting back at the Navy bureaucracy. Fair enough.

Navy leaders should have to answer for some of the decisions they made in this case. And they should have thought a bit more deeply about whether, how and in what way they recognized members of the prosecution. But the President, too, should have conducted himself with more dignity.

Harry Truman had it right. Lots of kicking here. And nobody comes out smelling very good.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/01/opinions/trump-navy-medal-controversy-kirby/index.html>

## 2. Legal Expert: Trump Order to Rescind Eddie Gallagher Prosecutors' Medals Was 'Highly Inappropriate' (Law & Crime 1 AUG 19) ... Matt Naham

Legal experts were none too pleased with President Donald Trump's Wednesday decision to order the Navy to rescind medals given to prosecutors who worked the high-profile Eddie Gallagher case.

Lt. Scott McDonald, Lt. Brian John, Lt. George Hageman, and an unnamed attorney whose name was redacted, all received Navy Achievement Medals for their "superb results" and "expert litigation" in the Gallagher trial.

According to Task & Purpose, Lt. McDonald was praised for "immediately litigat[ing] multiple motions alleging constitutional violations" after taking over as lead prosecutor on the case (Navy Cmdr. Christopher Czaplak had to be removed in June due to spying). Lt. McDonald "brilliantly cross-examined defense witnesses and expertly delivered the government's case in rebuttal," a filing said. Lt. John was praised for "preparing the government's most challenging witnesses" and for displaying "remarkable resiliency" during a difficult trial. Lt. Hageman was praised for his "exceptional pretrial litigation support" and for his "responses to multiple complex defense motions relating to search and seizure issues and potential discovery violations." The attorney whose name was redacted was a woman. She was credited for her "brilliant legal acumen while providing exceptional pretrial litigation support," for spending "countless hours" on witness preparation and for her "mastery of discovery."

In short, these prosecutors were each recognized for the way they handled things in the wake of the Cmdr. Czaplak incident, and for doing their jobs admirably while America watched the case with a keen eye.

President Donald Trump didn't see it that way, and ordered that these medals be rescinded.

The Prosecutors who lost the case against SEAL Eddie Gallagher (who I released from solitary confinement so he could fight his case properly), were ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal. Not only did they lose the case, they had difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers and for giving immunity in a

totally incompetent fashion. I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards I am very happy for Eddie Gallagher and his family! A couple of things are true: 1) Eddie Gallagher prosecutors did grant immunity to a key witness who actually blew up the murder case against Gallagher; 2) the lead prosecutor on the case had to be removed in June due to spying. Navy Secretary Richard Spencer ended up doing as the commander-in-chief ordered. Per NPR: Navy Secretary Richard Spencer ordered seven Navy Achievement Medals and three letters of commendation given to the prosecution team be rescinded, Navy spokesman Cmdr. Jereal Dorsey said Wednesday, hours after a pair of scathing tweets from the president.

The president was not the only Trump to praise this course of action.

On Tuesday afternoon, Trump took to Twitter, calling the medal awards "ridiculous" and demanding that they be rescinded.

Legal experts viewed the situation differently.

Georgetown University Constitutional Law Prof. Jonathan Turley, for one, called the move "highly inappropriate."

"President Donald Trump took a highly extraordinary — and in my view a highly inappropriate — step on Wednesday in ordering the Navy to rescind the achievement medals awarded to military prosecutors in the case against Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher," Turley wrote on his blog. "It is hard not to view the President's intervention as retaliation against prosecutors who took an unpopular case and carried out their duties despite being publicly ridiculed by the Commander in Chief. The move undermines the professionalism and independence of the military justice system."

"Trump's public stance on the case was itself problematic since presidents have avoided any such comments or actions on pending prosecutions," he added. "However, this seems just vindictive and retaliatory against military lawyers who were doing their job."

Turley was not the only one to see this as retaliatory.

It's not hard to imagine the effect this public reproof and retaliatory action will have on war crimes prosecutions in the military going forward.

Others said that Trump was sending a "truly horrifying" message to military prosecutors.

Still others urged Navy Secretary Spencer to resign rather than carry out this order.

Gallagher had been accused of premeditated murder and attempted murder charges. The court martial stemmed from allegations that in 2017 he stabbed and killed a 17-year-old ISIS militant who was in U.S. custody after being wounded in an air strike. Prosecutors argued that Gallagher texts showed him boasting about this incident and his knife skills.

The most shocking moment of the trial came when SO1 Corey Scott was called to testify for the government. As a primary prosecution witness, it was expected that Scott would corroborate the allegation that Gallagher killed the ISIS militant. Scott, who was granted immunity, testified that Gallagher did stab the ISIS prisoner in the neck, but wasn't responsible for his death. Scott said he himself put his thumb over the prisoner's breathing tube, causing him to die.

"I knew he was going to die anyway," Scott said. "I wanted to save him from waking up to what had happened next."

After the verdict, Trump congratulated the Gallagher family and said he was "glad [he] could help!"

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/legal-expert-trump-order-to-rescind-eddie-gallagher-prosecutors-medals-was-highly-inappropriate/>

### 3. Navy orders probe into actions of Judge Advocate General Corps leaders (Navy Times 1 AUG 19) ... Carl Prine

In a sweeping series of measures announced Thursday night, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson dismissed all charges against a SEAL officer charged with covering up war crimes, stopped the ongoing probe of another special operator petty officer and ordered a comprehensive investigation into the performance of Navy JAG leaders.

"Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson today dismissed all charges in the case of Lt. Jacob Portier. He also withheld authority to take any action in the case of Petty Officer 1st Class Corey Scott," the prepared statement read. Scott was the SEAL who confessed on the witness stand during the court-martial trial of Special Warfare Operator Chief Edward "Eddie" Gallagher to murdering a detainee in Iraq in 2017.

Navy officials in San Diego quickly leaked to media outlets that they were starting a perjury probe into Scott's sworn testimony.

But the military jury hearing Gallagher's case was swayed by his candid confession that he blocked the breathing tube of a wounded Islamic State fighter so that he wouldn't be tortured to death later by Iraqi forces.

The statement indicated that Richardson "took this action in the best interest of justice and the Navy."

"Additionally, as part of an ongoing assessment of Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps performance, Richardson directed Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Bob Burke to conduct a Comprehensive Review into the leadership and performance of the JAG Corps. This review is intended to ensure the JAG Corps provides exemplary support to the Navy and the nation," the statement concluded.

On July 2, a military panel of his peers at Gallagher's San Diego court-martial trial cleared him on premeditated murder, obstruction of justice and all but one other charge tied to a 2017 deployment with Alpha Platoon, SEAL Team 7, to Iraq. Gallagher, 40, was found guilty only of appearing in a photograph that depicted him near a dead Islamic State prisoner of war, an allegation he never denied.

A rear admiral continues to mull his sentence and the Navy's statement on Thursday didn't address his ongoing litigation. But it was the Gallagher case that sparked discussions at the highest levels of the sea service into the conduct of Navy JAG Corps prosecutors and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service special agents who probed the war crimes allegations. Shortly before his court-martial trial kicked off, Navy judge Capt. Aaron Rugh sanctioned the prosecution team for violating the defendant's constitutional rights.

Part of Rugh's punishment included booting Cmdr. Christopher Czaplak, the lead prosecutor, for his role in a warrantless surveillance program cooked up with Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents to track emails sent by defense attorneys and Navy Times.

And the spying wasn't the only allegation of prosecutorial and police misconduct plaguing the case.

They were accused of manipulating witness statements to NCIS agents; using immunity grants and a bogus "target letter" in a crude attempt to keep pro-Gallagher witnesses from testifying; illegally leaking documents to the media to taint the military jury pool; and then trying to cover it all up when they got caught.

On Wednesday, a disgruntled President Donald J. Trump interjected himself into a rising scandal within the sea service, nixing the Navy Achievement Medals recently bestowed on four prosecutors in the Gallagher case.

Although the junior attorneys weren't implicated by Rugh in the wrongdoing, the president grumbled that they were tied to a tainted team in a losing case.

"Not only did they lose the case, they had difficulty with respect to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers and for giving immunity in a totally incompetent fashion," Trump tweeted.

"I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards."

The Navy's top leaders immediately complied with the president's order and on Thursday night dropped a legal bombshell of their own that they had been crafting since July 2.

News of the Navy's announcement elated, Portier, Scott and Gallagher.

In San Diego, Scott said he's "profoundly grateful that the president and the chief of naval operations have intervened to exonerate Lt. Portier.

"Lt. Portier was a model of courage on the battlefield in the defeat of ISIS and conducted himself with the same steadfast determination in defending the reputation of his platoon back home."

Portier's civilian defense attorney, Jeremiah J. Sullivan III, also thanked Trump for "his unwavering support of our true war heroes."

"I also want to thank the U.S. Air Force and the Coast Guard who provided outstanding defense counsel. We never gave up the ship," Sullivan continued. "It was my honor and privilege to represent Lt. Portier. I am grateful for his service to our country."

Gallagher's civilian attorney, Timothy Parlatore, was told by Navy Times about the Pentagon's move shortly before he sat down to dinner with the SEAL.

"I am happy to hear that the senior Navy leadership has stepped in to take control of a situation that has been so badly mismanaged by the Navy JAG Corps and NCIS," he said.

"The JAG ship has run aground and significant action is necessary to hold those responsible accountable and help restore the trust of every sailor that there will be fair treatment for all under the military's justice system.

"Our team will be standing by to assist the VCNO in any way necessary. I only hope that this will lead to the Navy allowing Chief Gallagher to put this horrible experience behind him and retire as a Chief Petty Officer."

"Most Navy JAGs are fantastic in the court room and great to have a beer with after the case," added Scott's defense attorney, Air Force Reserve Maj. Brian Ferguson.

"Whatever leadership issues may exist, they're not issues with rank and file attorneys."

This is breaking news story and Navy Times will continue to update it.

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2019/08/02/navy-orders-probe-into-judge-advocate-general-corps-leaders/~>

#### 4. Navy's top admiral steps in, assumes authority in Navy SEAL war crimes cases

Navy says the dropped charges were not directed by President Trump, orders review of entire JAG Corps.

(Los Angeles Times 1 AUG 19) ANDREW DYER

SAN DIEGO — Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, has dismissed all charges against Navy SEAL Lt. Jacob X. Portier, who was set to face trial in September on charges stemming from the high-profile murder case of



Special Operator 1st Class Edward R. Gallagher.

"Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson today dismissed all charges in the case of Lt. Jacob Portier," a Navy statement said Thursday. "Richardson took this action in the best interest of justice and the Navy."

Cmdr. Jereal Dorsey, a Navy spokesman, said the decision came from Richardson, not from President Trump, who yesterday rescinded medals awarded to prosecutors in the Gallagher case.

Richardson also ordered a full review of the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps.

"Recent events indicate a need to review the leadership and performance of the (JAG) Corps," Richardson said in a memo.

Richardson said the review should address training and professional development, with an "evaluation of the JAG Corps officer career progression and community values for promotion selection and detailing," according to the memo.

Richardson has also stripped the authority to prosecute Petty Officer 1st Class Corey Scott away from Region Legal Service Office Southwest, which previously prosecuted Gallagher and was set to prosecute Portier. Navy authorities had floated the possibility of prosecuting Scott for perjury after he testified that he, not Gallagher, killed a wounded ISIS fighter in Iraq.

Portier was charged with a number of offenses related to those Gallagher fought during his two-and-a-half-week trial.

Portier was charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, for allegedly conducting Gallagher's reenlistment ceremony near a dead enemy combatant — the same fighter Gallagher was found not guilty of murdering.

Portier also was charged with dereliction of duty because, prosecutors say, he failed to supervise Gallagher that day. He also was charged with failure to report war crimes allegations against Gallagher and with obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence.

Portier denied all charges and pleaded not guilty. He was set to be in court Friday for a motions hearing.

Navy Region Southwest spokesman Brian O'Rourke said he could not comment on the case.

"The news came as a surprise," he said.

Gallagher, 40, had been charged with premeditated murder in connection with the 2017 death of a captive teenage ISIS fighter he was treating for injuries. He also faced charges related to allegations that he shot at civilians and tried to intimidate witnesses.

He was acquitted July 2 of all those charges but convicted of one, a charge for posing with the fighter's corpse. He was reduced a rank to E-6. Portier's attorney Jeremiah Sullivan did not immediately return a request for comment.

Updates:

6:14 PM, Aug. 01, 2019: This story was updated with comments from Admiral Richardson's spokeswoman and Jeremiah Sullivan, Lt. Jacob Portier's civilian defense attorney.

7:04 PM, Aug. 01, 2019: This story was updated with additional information and new comments from Admiral Richardson's spokeswoman denying he has taken over as convening authority in the Gallagher case.

6:44 PM, Aug. 01, 2019: This story was updated with news that authority over the case of Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher has also been shifted to Admiral Richardson.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-01/navys-top-admiral-steps-in-drops-charges-dropped-against-seal~>

##### 5. Navy orders justice system review after SEAL's acquittal (ASSOCIATED PRESS SAN DIEGO 2 AUG 19) ... BRIAN MELLEY AND JULIE WATSON

The Navy dismissed charges Thursday against an officer accused of covering up war crimes by a SEAL later acquitted of murder, and ordered a review of the service's justice system.

The action by the chief of naval operations in the case of Lt. Jacob Portier is the latest blow to military prosecutors and comes a month after a jury cleared Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher of murder and attempted murder charges. Portier, the leader of Gallagher's platoon, faced charges of dereliction of duty, destruction of evidence and conduct unbecoming an officer for holding Gallagher's re-enlistment ceremony next to the corpse of a teen Islamic State militant the decorated SEAL was accused of stabbing to death after treating the boy's wounds.

Adm. John Richardson dismissed the case because it was "in the best interest of justice and the Navy," according to a statement.

Defense attorney Jeremiah J. Sullivan III said Portier was relieved to get the news and is still "proud to wear the uniform" and would happily return to combat.

Gallagher was convicted of a single charge of posing for photos with the 17-year-old militant's corpse. He was sentenced to the maximum penalty of four months but will serve no jail time because he was confined longer while awaiting trial.

Richardson intervened a day after President Donald Trump ordered the secretary of the Navy on Wednesday to strip prosecutors of medals they were awarded for their handling of the case despite the fact Gallagher was acquitted on the most serious charges.

Eugene Fidell, who teaches military justice at Yale Law School and served as a lawyer in the U.S. Coast Guard, said he has never seen anything like this.

He said there should be a court of inquiry — the highest level of investigative body under the military justice system — and that the proceedings should be made public because the American people deserve answers.

"We're entitled to more of an explanation as to why the case against Lt. Portier is being ditched," he said. "Are they saying the entire investigation, the entire set of facts have been corrupted beyond repair? That doesn't follow."

Sullivan, a former Navy prosecutor and military judge, said events of the last two days were a scathing indictment against military prosecutors and he wouldn't be surprised if resignations follow.

"The legal military justice system — their integrity has just been eviscerated," Sullivan said. "It's certainly discrediting to the Navy leadership to have the president of the United States strip away awards."

A prosecutor who had been removed from the case before trial — and not given a medal — was admonished for taking part in an effort that used software to track emails sent to the defense team that a judge said violated Gallagher's constitutional rights.

The email tracking was meant to ferret out the source of leaks to the news media that plagued the case. The Navy said it never found the leak.

The Gallagher case was further doomed at trial when one of his fellow SEALs took the stand for the prosecution and said he killed the Islamic State militant himself.

Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Corey Scott, who testified with immunity from prosecution, said Gallagher had stabbed the teen. But he stunned the court when he told the jury the boy would have survived those wounds except that Scott had plugged his breathing tube.

Prosecutors were investigating Scott for perjury, but Richardson blocked prosecutors from taking any action against him. Defense lawyer Brian Ferguson said Scott was "profoundly grateful" the chief of naval operations intervened to exonerate Portier. He also thanked the president for his interest in the case.

Scott called Portier "a model of courage on the battlefield in the fight against ISIS and back home in the defense of his platoon," Ferguson said.

Lawyers for Gallagher are fighting his sentencing, which included a reduction in rank that would affect his benefits as he prepares to retire.

The sentence must be approved by the commanding officer who oversaw the court martial.

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/navy-orders-justice-system-review-seals-acquittal-64726149~>

6. If we want troops to follow orders, we should trust their justice system

The president wants to free convicts and punish their lawyers. He's putting the command structure at risk.

(Washington Post 1 AUG 19) ... Rachel E. VanLandingham and Geoffrey S. Corn

On Wednesday, President Trump lashed out on Twitter at the Navy judge advocate officers who prosecuted his favorite Navy SEAL, Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher. They had, he wrote, been "ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal." He went on to claim that he had "directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards." We don't know the basis for such awards. But whether they were granted for the officers' roles in Gallagher's recent court-martial or not, the president's punitive ire risks causing dangerous reverberating effects.

This is not the first time Trump has waded into the waters of military justice. Of course, as commander in chief, the president is vested with a legitimate responsibility related to the order and discipline of the armed forces. But while this latest commentary may not have crossed a legal line, it demonstrates, again, the president's unfortunate and dangerous misunderstanding of the military justice system — a system specifically developed to ensure good order and discipline. Even worse, his commentary could be viewed as an effort to improperly manipulate the process of military justice. Ultimately, the potential damage to the integrity of this unique system of justice is profound.

The president's ire seems to be based, in part, on his assumption that military prosecutors acted improperly. But if they did act unethically, either their supervisors or the military judge presiding over the trial would have initiated an ethics inquiry. The fact that no such action has been taken indicates the president is simply misinformed. Worse yet, it demonstrates an unjustified lack of confidence in the integrity of the prosecutors the president attacked and the military legal system itself.

[I led a platoon in Iraq. Trump is wrong to pardon war criminals.]

How will military lawyers and the commanders they advise respond to future allegations of war crimes, knowing they may be excoriated, or worse, by the commander in chief? Will the president's criticism of the decision to prosecute Gallagher — a decision based on credible evidence and made not by prosecutors but by a senior and highly experienced military commander — adversely influence future assessments of similar cases? These are difficult questions to answer. Whatever

the answer, Trump's public diatribe threatens the credibility of a system of justice that has helped maintain order and discipline in our armed forces for centuries. Worse yet, it chips away at public trust in the integrity of this system. With less than 2 percent of Americans serving in the armed forces and only a tiny minority of them ever involved in military criminal cases, public confidence in our military justice system largely depends on what comes through in the media. And the president seems as perplexed as anyone about which cases are brought to trial and why. The resulting distortions may only make it harder to hold service members accountable for wartime misconduct.

Gallagher's case demonstrates how difficult it has become to ensure public accountability for alleged war crimes. His supporters, including the president, were vocal critics of the decision to bring the allegation of murder to trial by court-martial. These critics — and those who question other prosecutions — ignore the fact that cases such as Gallagher's end up in a military courtroom precisely because of credible evidence indicating violations of the most basic rules of war — rules that American forces are expected to, and almost always do, respect.

These would-be defenders of service members also fail to grasp a basic truth that senior military commanders recognize — the danger of ignoring such violations. Inevitably, the impulse to overlook alleged war crimes derives from the mistaken idea that volunteering for military service somehow immunizes service members from disciplinary consequences of their criminal misconduct. Such a fallacy belies the reality that adhering to these laws ensures disciplined forces, operational success and moral clarity.

Army Lt. Clint Lorance's court-martial, conviction and subsequent call for presidential pardon provides another example of the danger of distorted public narratives. After he was convicted of murder based on his orders to his soldiers to fire upon men on a motorcycle and on his attempts to conceal the crime, a campaign to secure his pardon painted him as the victim of a rush to judgment. But Lorance's case went to trial only after his commanding general reviewed all the available information and concluded that his conduct fell outside the scope of the violence justified by a situation of combat. His case was then presented to a jury of military officers — jurors with an innate understanding of what it means to be in combat.

That trial afforded him all the rights any criminal defendant would have in a civilian court, and his conviction required his military jury to be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of his guilt. The military officers who judged Lorance were not naive about the confusing and challenging conditions of battle; they appreciated better than most that the proverbial fog of war often results in tragic but understandable mistakes. Ultimately, they convicted him based on the strength of the evidence, despite their appreciation of the complexities of war.

[Sorry, Trump, but the U.S. can't use 'overwhelming force' if Iran attacks 'anything American']

Like those who demanded charges against Gallagher be dismissed without a trial, the people who called upon the president to pardon Lorance no doubt believe it was somehow unfair to subject him to criminal accountability for his crimes. But in all such cases, even acquittal on the most serious charges is not an indication that the military justice system failed. Instead, it reaffirms that system's fairness and ability to ensure that a conviction or acquittal must be based on admissible evidence and not speculation.

Accountability for battlefield misconduct is an essential component of command responsibility, one shouldered by our military commanders and the president. It includes the duty to ensure our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines face the challenges of war with honor. It also means that the officers entrusted with leadership must ensure that transgressors are held accountable using the well-developed processes established for that purpose — and that when the evidence supports sending a case to trial by court-martial, military prosecutors zealously prosecute the case in accordance with law and ethics. When they do so, an acquittal does not justify approbation, especially from the commander in chief.

Unfortunately, the president missed the true message of this case — that the system worked and justice was served. This should be viewed as a source of pride by the president and the American public, not cause for condemnation.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/08/01/if-we-want-troops-follow-orders-we-should-trust-their-justice-system/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.a7f0a0fc6c4c](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/08/01/if-we-want-troops-follow-orders-we-should-trust-their-justice-system/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a7f0a0fc6c4c)

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FYSA, today, POTUS made the following announcements of interest:

- Via Twitter, he said he has directed SECNAV and CNO to rescind the awards
given to members of the prosecution team in the Gallagher case -
see
<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/07/31/trump-orders-navy-to-rescind-awards-to-prosecutors-of-seal-eddie-gallagher.html>

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Attached is confirmation from CAPT Larrea of completion of the revocation. I've also attached a draft letter responding to the CNO. Are you able to sign on your surface pro?

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Signed By: (b) (6)

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Attached please find RADM Crandall's response to CNO reporting completion of revocation. Standing by in case you need anything else.

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RADM Crandall is currently on travel, but he wanted me to provide you with an interim update on our efforts in response to CNO's directive regarding the revoked awards. All 10 award recipients have acknowledged that they will return their revoked awards and will not use them for official purposes. None of these awards are in the members' records, as the command had not yet forward them to DNS-35 or PERS-312. We are waiting for written confirmations from DNS-35 and PERS-312, and for all 10 members to return the physical awards (some were on leave or had left the awards at home today). RADM Crandall will provide a final response once all of these requirements are complete.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything else you need.

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To: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)
Cc: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: CNLSC interim update regarding CNO directive

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From: (b) (6) CIV USN COMNAVPERSCOM (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 12:50
To: (b) (6) CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW)

Mr. (b) (6)

The attachment you provided does not contain the enclosures that should be attached.

v/r (b) (6)
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From: (b) (6) CIV (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:55 AM
To: (b) (6) CIV USN SECNAV WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b) (6); (b) (6)
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COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)
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(b) (6) CIV (USA)

From: (b) (6) CIV OPNAV, DNS-35
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 13:28
To: (b) (6) CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: CNLSC Memo IRT Revocation of Awards (RLSO SW) with Enclosures
Attachments: REVO RLSO Southwest Jul 2019.pdf
Signed By: (b) (6)

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Work: (b) (6)
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From: (b) (6) CIV (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 1:22 PM
To: (b) (6) CIV OPNAV, DNS-35 (b) (6)
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From: Bligh, David J Col OJAG, Code 02
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 6:34 PM
To: (b) (6) CIV OJAG, PAO; Purnell, Charles Neal II CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)
Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)
Subject: RE: GALLAGHER
Signed By: (b) (6)

Chuck, (b) (6),

Thanks.

R/ Dave

From: (b) (6) CIV OJAG, PAO (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 4:30 PM
To: Purnell, Charles Neal II CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA) (b) (6) Bligh, David J Col OJAG, Code 02 (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA) (b) (6)
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V/R,

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From: Purnell, Charles Neal II CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA) (b) (6)
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Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards
Signed By: (b) (6)

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V/r, Del

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Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA) (b) (6)
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(b) (6) — Please research in the morning. I would like to execute and report completion as soon as possible. Thanks.
V/r, Del

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V/r,

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Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards
Signed By: (b) (6)

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Understood. We were tracking the same requirements regarding NDAWS and OMPF and are working the documents now.

V/r,

(b) (6)

Very Respectfully,

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Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards
Attachments: CNLSC Memo Ser 001_0105 dtd 1 Aug 19.pdf
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I've attached RADM Crandall's memo pursuant to CNO's direction. We are still working on distributing it to all parties, but I wanted to be sure you had it. Thanks for the assistance, and please let me know if you need anything more as we work through this.

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All 10 recipients have been notified and signed the acknowledgement forms. I will not be able to get all the awards back today, since some have them at home, and one person is on leave out of the area. We are in the process of getting confirmations back from DNS-35 and PERS-312, but may not have that today either. I can confirm that nothing is in anyone's record, because the awards had not yet been sent to NDAWS, which is the first step. Once we get all the required documentation, I will send you a proper response.

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CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email (b) (6)

(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 2:35 PM
To: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)
Cc: Sharp, Gary E CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)
Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards
Signed By: (b) (6)

Thank you Ma'am. I appreciate the update!

Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

From: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 2:33 PM

To: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)

Cc: Sharp, Gary E CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6) :

All 10 recipients have been notified and signed the acknowledgement forms. I will not be able to get all the awards back today, since some have them at home, and one person is on leave out of the area. We are in the process of getting confirmations back from DNS-35 and PERS-312, but may not have that today either. I can confirm that nothing is in anyone's record, because the awards had not yet been sent to NDAWS, which is the first step. Once we get all the required documentation, I will send you a proper response.

Thank you.

V/R

MAL

From: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 7:30 AM

To: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: Revocation of Awards

Ma'am,

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Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

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Office (b) (6)

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Email: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:13 AM
To: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards
Signed By: (b) (6)

(b) (6),

In receipt, thank you.

V/r,

(b) (6)

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(W) (b) (6)

(C) (b) (6)

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:07 AM
To: (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6),

I've attached RADM Crandall's memo pursuant to CNO's direction. We are still working on distributing it to all parties, but I wanted to be sure you had it. Thanks for the assistance, and please let me know if you need anything more as we work through this.

Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email (b) (6)

From: (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 6:33 AM
To: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6),

Good morning. I just wanted to reach out with some guidance on the revocation of awards and ensure you had good contact info for me (phone numbers in my sig block).

To confirm that revocation of the medals is completed, we will need to know that all awards have been collected (citations, medals, or gold stars). Confirmation that NDAWS entries were not made or have been deleted. Finally, we will need confirmation that the awards have not been entered into the members OMPF or if already submitted, confirmation that the process to remove them from the OMPF has been initiated.

Once we have that information we will report completion to SECNAV. Please let me know if you need any information from me.

V/r,

(b) (6)

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(W) (b) (6)

(C) (b) (6)

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From: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:24 PM

To: (b) (6) CAPT USN CNO (US) (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6); (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA) (b) (6); (b) (6) CAPT USN CNO (US)

(b) (6); (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (US) (b) (6)

CDR USN CNO (USA) (b) (6); (b) (6) CAPT USN VCNO (USA) (b) (6)

(b) (6) CAPT USN DNS (USA) (b) (6); (b) (6) CAPT USN SECNAV WASHINGTON DC (US) (b) (6); CDR USN VCNO (USA) (b) (6)

(b) (6) LCDR USN DNS (US) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Revocation of Awards

(b) (6) — Received your email. Understand the direction and will report completion to CDR (b) (6) Thanks.
V/r, Del

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

From: (b) (6) CAPT USN CNO (US) (b) (6)

Date: Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 7:02 PM

To: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6), (b) (6)

CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA) (b) (6), (b) (6) CAPT USN

CNO (US) (b) (6), (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (US)

(b) (6), (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (USA) (b) (6), (b) (6)

(b) (6) CAPT USN VCNO (USA) (b) (6) CAPT USN DNS (USA)

(b) (6) CAPT USN SECNAV WASHINGTON DC (US)

(b) (6) CDR USN VCNO (USA) (b) (6)
LCDR USN DNS (US) (b) (6)

Subject: Revocation of Awards

Admiral

Sending the attached memo on behalf of CNO, for NLSC to execute the Secretary's direction and revoke the awards listed in the enclosure.

Thank you

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)
Captain, US Navy

(b) (6)
(b) (6)
(W) (b) (6)
(C) (b) (6)

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(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:27 AM
To: (b) (6) CDR USN NAVCIVLAWSUPPACT DC (USA)
Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVCIVLAWSUPPACT DC (USA); (b) (6) CIV OJAG, OJAG
Subject: RE: Unredacted Awards
Signed By: (b) (6)

Thanks (b) (6)

Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6) CDR USN NAVCIVLAWSUPPACT DC (USA)

(b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:26 AM

To: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVCIVLAWSUPPACT DC (USA) (b) (6);

(b) (6) CIV OJAG, OJAG (b) (6)

Subject: Unredacted Awards

(b) (6),

Please find attached.

V/r,

(b) (6)

CDR (b) (6), JAGC, USN

Office of the Judge Advocate General

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

☎ (b) (6)

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(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 12:45 PM
To: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Subject: RE: Updates

Roger. Thanks.

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From: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, Aug 01, 2019, 9:41 AM
To: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US) (b) (6)
Subject: Updates

Admiral,

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- JAG is on standby to meet with CNO this morning.

Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:56 AM
To: Sharp, Gary E CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA)
Subject: Revocation of Awards
Attachments: Encls (1) and (2) SECNAV and CNO Memos dtd 31 Jul 19.pdf; CNLSC Memo Ser 001_0105 dtd 1 Aug 19.pdf; Acknowledgment of Award Revocation.docx
Signed By: (b) (6)

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(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: (b) (6) CAPT USN CNO (US) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:03 PM
To: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)
Cc: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA); (b) (6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA); (b) (6) CAPT USN CNO (US); (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (US); (b) (6) CDR USN CNO (USA); (b) (6) CAPT USN VCNO (USA); (b) (6) CAPT USN DNS (USA); (b) (6) CAPT USN SECNAV WASHINGTON DC (US); (b) (6) CDR USN VCNO (USA); (b) (6) LCDR USN DNS (US)
Subject: Revocation of Awards
Attachments: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND LETTERS OF COMMENDATION.pdf
Signed By: (b) (6)

Admiral

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Thank you

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)
Captain, US Navy

(b) (6)

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(b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA)

From: (b) (6) CDR USN COMNAVLEGSVCOM DC (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:41 AM
To: Crandall, Darse E RADM USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (US)
Subject: Updates
Signed By: (b) (6)

Admiral,

Just a quick update:

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Very Respectfully,

CDR (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Office (b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)



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REGIONAL LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST
3395 STURTEVANT STREET SUITE 9
SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA 92136-5026

1650
Ser 00/ 386
2 Aug 19

From: Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Southwest
To: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command
Via: Chief of Staff, Region Legal Service Offices

Subj: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Ref: (a) CNLSC ltr 1650 Ser 001/0105 of 1 Aug 19

Encl: (1) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LT John
(2) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LT McDonald
(3) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LT (b) (6)
(4) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LT Hageman
(5) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LNC (b) (6)
(6) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LN1 (b) (6)
(7) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LN2 (b) (6)
(8) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LN2 (b) (6)
(9) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO GM3 (b) (6)
(10) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO SHSN (b) (6)
(11) Mr. (b) (6) (DNS-35) email of 1 Aug 19
(12) Mr. (b) (6) (PERS-312) email of 1 Aug 19

1. The actions directed in reference (a) have been completed. Enclosures (1) - (12) pertain.

2. My point of contact for this matter is LCDR (b) (6), JAGC, USN, who may be reached at (b) (6) or (b) (6)

(b) (6)

M. A. LARREA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 10 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

LT Brian John, JAGC, USN (b) (6)

Name

Signature

1 Aug 19

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 12 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

Scott McDonald

Name

(b) (6)

Signature

1 AUG 19

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 10 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

LT (b) (6) [REDACTED] JAGC, USN

Name

1 Aug 19

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 10 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

LT George Hageman, JAGC, USN

Name

Signature

(b) (6)

1 August 2019

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 10 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

(b) (6)

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Name

Signature

Date

31 JUL 19 1 AUG 19

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 10 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

(b) (6)



Name

Signature

1 Aug 2019

Date

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(b) (6)

Name

Signature

Date

1 Aug 19

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(b) (6)

LNZ

Name

Signature

1 AUG 19

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 16 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

(b) (6)

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Name

Signature

1 AUG 19
Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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(b) (6)



Name

Signature

1 AUGUST 2019

Date

(b) (6) LCDR USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)

From: (b) (6) CIV OPNAV, DNS-35
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 12:50 PM
To: (b) (6) LCDR USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)
Cc: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA); (b) (6)
LCDR OPNAV, N00J
Subject: RE: (FOUO) revocation of NAMs and LOCs
Signed By: (b) (6)

LCDR (b) (6),

None of them are in NDAWS.

v/r

(b) (6)
(b) (6) CNO Awards Branch (DNS-35)
Chief of Naval Operations
(b) (6)
Work: (b) (6)
DSN: (b) (6)
Email: (b) (6)

***EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE SEND ALL NDAWS ACCESS REQUESTS AND AWARD INQUIRIES TO OUR GROUP
EMAIL ADDRESS AT cno_awards.fct@navy.mil***

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From: (b) (6) LCDR USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 3:11 PM
To: (b) (6) CIV OPNAV, DNS-35 (b) (6)
Cc: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6); (b) (6) LCDR
OPNAV, N00J (b) (6)
Subject: (FOUO) revocation of NAMs and LOCs
Importance: High

Sir,

I need to obtain written confirmation (e-mail will suffice) from DNS 35 that the revoked NAMs and LOCs have not been entered into NDAWS or have been removed from NDAWS if previously entered. The attachment provides additional information regarding the awards. Paragraph 1.a. of the CNLSC letter (Page 3 of attachment) specifically directs RLSO SW to obtain written confirmation from DNS 35.

Thank you for your assistance and please let me know if you need any additional information from me.

V/R

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
LCDR, JAGC, USN

(b) (6) Department
RLSO Southwest

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) CIV USN NDBDM WASHINGTON DC (US) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:37 AM

To: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: (FOUO) revocation of NAMs and LOCs

Captain,

The POC at PERS 312 is Mr. (b) (6).

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I clarify that I have spoken to both and they have completed the action they had.

V/r

(b) (6)
(b) (6) Navy Department Board of Decorations & Medals
(b) (6)

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Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 2:21 PM

To: (b) (6) CIV USN NDBDM WASHINGTON DC (US) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: (FOUO) revocation of NAMs and LOCs

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Thanks so much.

V/R

CAPT Larrea

(b) (6) LCDR USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)

From: (b) (6) CIV USN COMNAVPERSCOM MIL TN (US)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 12:14 PM
To: (b) (6) LCDR USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)
Cc: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA); (b) (6)
LT USN (USA); (b) (6) LT USN (US)
Subject: RE: (FOUO) revocation of NAMs and LOCs
Signed By: (b) (6)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

(b) (6)
I personally checked the OMPFs and the decorations had not been filed the records yet.

v/r
Mr. (b) (6)
Director, Records Management and Benefits Div (PERS-31)
Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) Records Manager
Navy Personnel Command
COM: (b) (6) (DSN: 882)
FAX: (b) (6) (DSN: 882)
CELL: (b) (6)

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(b) (6)
(6)

LCDR, JAGC, USN

(b) (6) Department

RLSO Southwest

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(b) (6)

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V/R

CAPT Larrea



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NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE COMMAND
1322 PATTERSON AVENUE SE, SUITE 3000
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20374-5066

1650
Ser 001/0107
2 Aug 19

From: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Ref: (a) CNO Memo dtd 31 Jul 19 Ser N00/19U100046

1. Per reference (a), I am reporting completion of revocation.
2. All 10 award recipients returned their revoked awards and acknowledged in writing they will not use them for official purposes. Both DNS-35 and PERS-312 have confirmed that none of these awards are in the members' records.

(b) (6)

D. E. CRANDALL

Copy to:
SECNAV
CNO
VCNO
CNO (DNS-35)
PERS-312
NDBDM/183-19



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE COMMAND
1322 PATTERSON AVENUE SE, SUITE 3000
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20374-5066

1650
Ser 001/0105
1 Aug 19

From: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command
To: Chief of Staff, Region Legal Service Offices
Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Southwest

Subj: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Encl: (1) SECNAV Memo dtd 31 Jul 19
(2) CNO Memo dtd 31 Jul 19

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From: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command
To: Chief of Staff, Region Legal Service Offices
Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Southwest

Subj: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND
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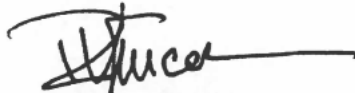
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

JUL 31 2019

SUBJECT: Revocation of Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and Letters of Commendation

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Richard V. Spencer

Attachment:
As stated

cc:
CNO (DNS-35)
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GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF FOURTH AWARD

CHIEF LEGALMAN (SURFACE WARFARE/AVIATION WARFARE) (b) (6)
UNITED STATES NAVY

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL PARALEGAL AT REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2019. CHIEF (b) (6) PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL AND SEAMLESS PRETRIAL LITIGATION AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT DURING A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. SHE SKILLFULLY MANAGED THE DISCOVERY PROCESS FOR THE NAVY'S HIGHEST PROFILE CASE. SHE ASSISTED IN PREPARING THE MOST CHALLENGING WITNESSES FOR TRIAL, AND COORDINATED THE TRAVEL OF 40 WORLDWIDE WITNESSES. THESE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS WERE IN ADDITION TO HER NORMAL DUTIES AS THE (b) (6). CHIEF (b) (6)'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HER AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

10TH

JULY 2019

FOR THE
M. A. LARREA
CAPTAIN, JAGC, U.S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST

LIEUTENANT GEORGE O. HAGEMAN, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL COUNSEL, REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2019. LIEUTENANT HAGEMAN PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL PRETRIAL LITIGATION SUPPORT TO A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. STEPPING IN MID-TRIAL ON SHORT NOTICE TO SERVE AS DETAILED TRIAL COUNSEL, HE DRAFTED RESPONSES TO MULTIPLE COMPLEX DEFENSE MOTIONS RELATING TO SEARCH AND SEIZURE ISSUES AND POTENTIAL DISCOVERY VIOLATIONS. IN THE COURTROOM, HE ADEPTLY LAID EVIDENTIARY FOUNDATIONS AND ASSISTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS-EXAMINATIONS FOR SEVERAL DEFENSE WITNESSES. LIEUTENANT HAGEMAN'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

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M. A. LARREA
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COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST

GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF THIRD AWARD

LIEUTENANT BRIAN P. JOHN, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS,
UNITED STATES NAVY

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL COUNSEL, REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST, FROM SEPTEMBER 2018 TO JULY 2019. LIEUTENANT JOHN DEMONSTRATED BRILLIANT LEGAL ACUMEN AS THE ASSISTANT TRIAL COUNSEL DURING A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. FROM THE BEGINNING, HE TOOK THE LEAD IN PREPARING THE GOVERNMENT'S MOST CHALLENGING WITNESSES. DUE TO AN UNFORESEEN PERSONNEL CHANGE, HE FLEETED UP TO LEAD COUNSEL ON THE EVE OF TRIAL AND DEMONSTRATED REMARKABLE RESILIENCY AND GRIT THROUGH A THREE-WEEK CONTESTED PROCEEDING. LIEUTENANT JOHN'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

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JULY 2019

FOR THE

M. A. LARREA

CAPTAIN, JAGC, U.S. NAVY

COMMANDING OFFICER

REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST

GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF SECOND AWARD

LIEUTENANT SCOTT I. MCDONALD, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS,
UNITED STATES NAVY

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL COUNSEL, REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST, FROM MAY 2019 TO JULY 2019. JUST ONE MONTH BEFORE TRIAL, LIEUTENANT MCDONALD ASSUMED THE ROLE OF DETAILED TRIAL COUNSEL IN A GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. HE IMMEDIATELY LITIGATED MULTIPLE MOTIONS ALLEGING CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS. IN JUST TWO WEEKS, HE REVIEWED OVER (b) (7) PAGES OF DISCOVERY AND (b) (7)(C) OF HOURS OF VIDEO. AT TRIAL, HE BRILLIANTLY CROSS-EXAMINED DEFENSE WITNESSES AND EXPERTLY DELIVERED THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE IN REBUTTAL. LIEUTENANT MCDONALD'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

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Jul 2019

FOR THE
M. A. LARREA
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COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST

LIEUTENANT (b) (6) , JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS,
UNITED STATES NAVY

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL COUNSEL, REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST, FROM JANUARY 2019 TO JULY 2019. LIEUTENANT (b) (6) DEMONSTRATED BRILLIANT LEGAL ACUMEN WHILE PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL PRETRIAL LITIGATION SUPPORT TO A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. SHE TOOK THE LEAD IN COORDINATING AND PREPARING THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPERTS, AND SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS AND WEEKENDS PREPARING FACT AND EXPERT WITNESSES. HER MASTERY OF DISCOVERY ALSO PROVIDED CRUCIAL CONTINUITY WHEN KEY MEMBERS OF THE TRIAL TEAM TURNED OVER ON THE EVE OF TRIAL. LIEUTENANT (b) (6) 'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HER AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

11th

Jul 2019

FOR THE
M. A. LARREA
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COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST

LEGALMAN SECOND CLASS (SURFACE WARFARE/AVIATION WARFARE) (b) (6)
UNITED STATES NAVY

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL PARALEGAL AT REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2019. PETTY OFFICER (b) (6) PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL AND SEAMLESS PRETRIAL LITIGATION AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT DURING A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. LEADING A TEAM OF FOUR SAILORS WORKING OUT OF RATE, SHE MANAGED COMPLEX DISCOVERY FOR OVER (b) (7) PAGES OF DOCUMENTS, AND ADDRESSED DISCREPANCIES IN PREVIOUSLY TURNED-OVER MATERIALS. FURTHERMORE, SHE COORDINATED DOZENS OF WITNESS INTERVIEWS AND MANAGED THE SUBPOENA PROCESS TO ACCOMMODATE MULTIPLE SCHEDULE CHANGES. PETTY OFFICER (b) (6)'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HER AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

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REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST

GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF FIFTH AWARD

LEGALMAN FIRST CLASS (SURFACE WARFARE) (b) (6)
UNITED STATES NAVY

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL PARALEGAL AT REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM OCTOBER 2018 TO JULY 2019. PETTY OFFICER (b) (6) PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL LITIGATION SUPPORT TO TRIAL COUNSEL, AND ENERGETICALLY LED SIX SAILORS DURING A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. HE PERSONALLY MANAGED THE TRACKING AND REDACTING OF OVER (b) (7) PAGES OF DISCOVERY, AND ENSURED THAT THERE WERE NO DISCOVERY VIOLATIONS IN THE CASE. FURTHERMORE, PETTY OFFICER (b) (6) SUPPORTED 23 WITNESS INTERVIEWS AND WORKED WITH COUNSEL TO DEVELOP SAVVY DIRECT AND CROSS-EXAMINATION APPROACHES FOR SEVERAL COMPLEX WITNESSESS. PETTY OFFICER (b) (6)'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

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Takes pleasure in commending

GUNNER'S MATE THIRD CLASS

(b) (6)

UNITED STATES NAVY

For service as set forth in the following citation:

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GARY E. SHARP
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(b) (6)
UNITED STATES NAVY**

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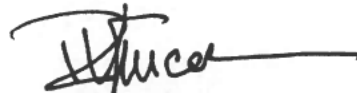
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MORNING NEWS OF NOTE

As of 0430 Hours, August 1

Tweets of Note

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) said: "Last night, the Senate unanimously voted to confirm David Norquist as Deputy Secretary of Defense at @DeptofDefense. This is great news — David is the right man for the job." On the Middle East, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo wrote: "Recently, President @realDonaldTrump sanctioned Iran's Supreme Leader, who enriched himself at the expense of the Iranian people. Today, the U.S. designated his chief [REDACTED] the rest of [Ayatollah Khamenei's] mafia." And U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad tweeted: "Wrapping up my most productive visit to #Afghanistan since I took this job as Special [Representative]. The U.S. and Afghanistan have agreed on next steps. And a negotiating team and technical support group are being finalized." ([CLICK HERE FOR ALL TWEETS OF NOTE](#))

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TOP NEWS

1. Pentagon Outlines Funds Targeted for Wall

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A5 | Ben Kesling

The \$6.1 billion in Defense Department funds that will be diverted to expand the barrier at the Mexican border will be taken out of programs ranging from funding of Afghan security forces to a retirement program for the U.S. military, as well as construction projects for military bases around the world, Pentagon officials said this week.

2. Sanctions imposed on Iranian foreign minister

Washington Post, Aug. 1, Pg. A2 | Carol Morello and Karen DeYoung

The Trump administration imposed sanctions on Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Wednesday in a dramatic step bound to further escalate tensions with Tehran. A senior administration official said Zarif had acted more as a "propaganda minister" than a diplomat. "Today, President Trump decided enough is enough," the official said.

3. Pompeo says U.S. not asking Asia to take sides

Associated Press, Aug. 1 | Eileen Ng

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday that Washington isn't asking any Asian nation to take sides as it engages with the region where China is battling for influence and aggressively expanding territorial claims in the South China Sea.

LETHALITY

4. CNO Nominee Gilday Names AI as Top Tech Priority

Seapower Magazine Online, July 31 | Richard R. Burgess

The newest nominee for chief of naval operations listed his top three technology priorities to the Senate Armed Services Committee during his July 31 confirmation hearing, with artificial intelligence coming in as No. 1.

5. 'A Failure of the Navy:' Next CNO Addresses Problems with New Carrier

Military.com, July 31 | Gina Harkins

The admiral tapped to lead the Navy did not hold back when questioned by lawmakers about a host of problems that have delayed the delivery of a new aircraft carrier and pushed it far over budget. Vice Adm. Michael Gilday faced tough questions from lawmakers about big problems aboard the \$13 billion aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford during his Senate confirmation hearing to serve as the next chief of naval operations.

6. US Navy jet crashes in Death Valley National Park, injuring seven

CNN.com, July 31 | Ryan Browne and Zachary Cohen

A US Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet jet crashed Wednesday in Death Valley National Park, at a spot known to aviation enthusiasts as Star Wars Canyon, according to park spokesman Patrick Taylor, who told CNN that seven visitors suffered minor injuries as a result. The crash occurred east of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in California, according to the Navy. "Search and rescue personnel are on scene and the status of the pilot is currently unknown," Lt. Cmdr. Lydia Bock, a spokesperson for the Joint Strike Fighter Wing, said in a statement.

ALLIANCES/PARTNERSHIPS

7. Pentagon pushes Egypt to fight counterinsurgency campaign in Sinai

Al-Monitor, July 31 | Jack Detsch

In his first meeting with a Middle East nation since his confirmation as defense secretary, Mark Esper pressed his Egyptian counterpart this week to wage a counterinsurgency-style fight in the Sinai Peninsula. "During his visit, I spoke to [Defense] Minister [Mohammad] Zaki extensively about their efforts in Sinai and it's clear we share the importance of a population-centric approach, even if it takes longer to be successful," Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East Mick Mulroy said in a statement provided exclusively to Al-Monitor.

8. Top U.S. admiral nominee says foreign partners would do most of the work in Gulf plan

The Hill Online, July 31 | Rebecca Kheel

The United States envisions a plan to escort ships through the Gulf region being carried out “80 or 90 percent” by allies and partners, the admiral nominated to lead the Navy said Wednesday. “The coalition that we’re building in the Arabian Gulf and specifically in the Strait of Hormuz is going to be 80 or 90 percent a coalition effort and a much smaller U.S. effort,” Vice Adm. Michael Gilday told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday, using an alternate name for the Persian Gulf. “It is primarily focused on providing intelligence support to the rest of the coalition. So we will escort our ships as they come along, but we won’t be there in great numbers. The idea is for the regional partners to bear the lion’s share of the burden.”

9. No plan to change South Korea-U.S. military exercise, U.S. official says

Reuters, Aug. 1 | Idrees Ali

The United States does not plan to make changes to a military drill with South Korea, a senior U.S. defense official said on Wednesday, despite a series of North Korean missile launches intended to pressure Seoul and Washington to stop joint exercises.

10. Bolton suggests fivefold rise in Japan’s spending on U.S. military

Asahi Shimbun (Japan) Online, July 31 | Shigeki Tosa and Yoshihiro Makino

The Trump administration is seeking up to a fivefold increase in what Japan pays to support U.S. military forces based here, a U.S. government source said.

11. US boosts Brazil status as military ally

Agence France-Presse, July 31 | Not Attributed

President Donald Trump on Wednesday boosted Brazil's status as a US military ally, easing the path for the Latin American giant to buy more sophisticated weaponry.

REFORM

12. Hypersonics: From Zero To 40 Plus Flights In Next Four Years

BreakingDefense.com, July 31 | Colin Clark

The Pentagon plans to nearly double its spending on hypersonic-related technologies in fiscal year 2020 — if Congress approves it — and hopes to run around 40 flight tests of hypersonic vehicles over the next four years, Pentagon officials say.

GREAT POWER COMPETITION

13. Hyten: Arms shortfalls in China war

Washington Times (Inside the Ring), Aug. 1, Pg. A9 | Bill Gertz

Air Force Gen. John Hyten, nominee for vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, this week outlined U.S. military concerns about weapons shortfalls that increase risks for any future conflict with China. Gen. Hyten, currently commander of U.S. Strategic Command, said in a prepared statement to the Senate Armed Services Committee made public Tuesday that China's missile forces pose the most significant threat to U.S. forces.

14. Competition (With China) IS The New Deterrence, U.S. Military Leaders Say

BreakingDefense.com, July 31 | Theresa Hitchens

"The most important word in the [National Defense Strategy] is compete," Gen. Timothy Ray, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, told reporters here today. And senior officers speaking at Strategic Command's 10th annual deterrence conference here fixated on China as the likeliest US adversary.

15. Landmark U.S.-Russia arms control treaty poised for final blow

The Hill Online, July 31 | Rebecca Kheel and Morgan Chalfant

The U.S. is about to officially toss out a 30-year-old arms control treaty credited with helping end the Cold War. Friday marks the end of a six-month withdrawal period from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, after the Trump administration announced in February that the U.S. was leaving the pact. That means the U.S. will be freed from its obligations under the accord. Now, all eyes are looking to see what comes next in U.S.-Russia arms control, with a particular focus on the administration's preparations to move forward with previously banned weapons.

EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE

16. The Pentagon's top two jobs are finally filled

Military Times Online, July 31 | Meghann Myers

After a whirlwind few weeks, the Defense Department has two confirmed officials in its top civilian roles, and the Navy secretary has gone back to his official duties. Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist took his oath on Wednesday afternoon, according to a Pentagon release, following his confirmation by the Senate on Tuesday evening.

17. Navy SEAL prosecutors to be stripped of achievement medals

Associated Press, July 31 | Jill Colvin

Navy officials said Wednesday they are pulling achievement medals from prosecutors who argued the case against a decorated Navy SEAL who was acquitted in the death of a wounded Islamic State captive after President Donald Trump intervened.

SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

18. U.S. Says It Killed Bin Laden Son Who Was Groomed to Lead Al Qaeda

New York Times, Aug. 1, Pg. A8 | Julian E. Barnes, Adam Goldman and Eric Schmitt

Osama bin Laden's son Hamza bin Laden, who was viewed as an eventual heir to the leadership of Al Qaeda and had repeatedly threatened to attack the United States, is dead, according to two American officials. Details of the strike that killed him were scarce, including when and where. The United States government played a role in the operation, but it was not clear how, according to the officials, who discussed his death on the condition of anonymity because it involved sensitive operations and intelligence gathering.

19. Afghan Troops Are Shorthanded as U.S. Pursues Peace Agreement

Bloomberg News, July 31 | Glen Carey

Afghanistan's army remains seriously shorthanded, a Pentagon watchdog found, as the Trump administration tries to negotiate a peace agreement with the Taliban enemies of the government in Kabul.

20. Afghanistan names team to talk to Taliban, expecting swift U.S. deal to leave

Reuters, July 31 | Rupam Jain and Abdul Qadir Sediqi

The Afghan government named a team on Wednesday to negotiate directly with the Taliban, in the expectation that Washington was on the cusp of agreeing to withdraw troops after 18 years of war, meeting the insurgents' precondition for talks with Kabul. The U.S. special representative for Afghanistan peace talks, Zalmay Khalilzad, tweeted that he was on his way to negotiation venue Qatar, ready to close a deal to end the war that began in 2001 after the September 11 attacks on the United States.

21. The Air Force is ramping up its airstrikes in Somalia

Air Force Times Online, July 31 | Stephen Losey

The Air Force has already carried out as many airstrikes in Somalia in the first seven months of 2019 as it did in all of 2018. In an email Monday, Col. Chris Karns, a spokesman for United States Africa Command, said that a July 27 airstrike in Somalia brought the total number of airstrikes in the African nation to 47, the same as 2018's total.

22. Nigeria Secretly Buries War Dead To Mask Toll

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A18 | Joe Parkinson

At the northern edge of this city's military base, a vast field of churned soil conceals the hidden toll of a deadly offensive by the allies of Islamic State. After dark, the bodies of soldiers are covertly transported from a mortuary that at times gets so crowded the corpses are delivered by truck, according to Nigerian soldiers, diplomats and a senior government official. The bodies are laid by flashlight into trenches dug by infantrymen or local villagers paid a few dollars per shift. The burials convey a picture at odds with a war Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, a former general, has repeatedly claimed his army has won. The reality is that Africa's largest land force -- a U.S. counterterrorism ally -- is struggling against an insurgency that first flared a decade ago and is now rejuvenated by Islamic State and the return of fighters from Libya, Syria and Iraq.

23. Kim Calls New Rocket 'Inescapable' To Enemies

New York Times, Aug. 1, Pg. A9 | Choe Sang-Hun

North Korea said on Thursday that its leader, Kim Jong-un, attended the testing of a new type of large-caliber, multiple-launch, guided rocket system that could expand the North's ability to strike South Korea and the American forces stationed there.

NOTABLE COMMENTARY

24. Pillars of nuclear arms control are teetering

Financial Times (UK), Aug. 1, Pg. 10 | Editorial

Barring a miraculous turnaround, a key pillar of the cold war-era nuclear arms control architecture will tumble this week. First the US then Russia suspended participation this year in the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, which banned missiles with a range of 500km-5500km, over Washington and Nato's claims that Moscow has developed missiles breaching the agreement. Unless Russia destroys those missiles by August 2, the US is set to terminate the treaty. This is not just highly dangerous for European security. It is a further step in the unravelling of arms control and rekindling of the nuclear arms race.

25. It's Absurd To Ask China To Disarm

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A17 | Zhou Bo

The Chinese government sent Vice Premier Liu He to the U.S. in April with a brief to settle the tariff war between Beijing and Washington. But during an Oval Office news conference to address the progress of trade negotiations, President Trump abruptly changed the subject: "Between Russia and China and us, we're all making hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of weapons, including nuclear, which is ridiculous." Mr. Trump has since ordered his administration to prepare a push for new arms-control agreements with Russia and China. If Mr. Liu was surprised by the pivot from trade to arms control, he wasn't alone. To Chinese ears, Mr. Trump's claims make no sense. Between them, the U.S. and Russia

possess 90% of the world's nuclear weapons. China has fewer nuclear warheads (290) than France (300), according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

TWEETS OF NOTE

Twitter, July 31 - Aug. 1

TOP NEWS

1. Pentagon Outlines Funds Targeted for Wall

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A5 | Ben Kesling

WASHINGTON -- The \$6.1 billion in Defense Department funds that will be diverted to expand the barrier at the Mexican border will be taken out of programs ranging from funding of Afghan security forces to a retirement program for the U.S. military, as well as construction projects for military bases around the world, Pentagon officials said this week.

For months, the White House has planned to transfer billions for the border wall from other parts of the government, but before this week hadn't completed programs it would draw from. But under a 5-4 Supreme Court decision last week, the administration was cleared for now to use the money to build the border wall.

Under President Trump's emergency proclamation in February, the White House ordered the transfer of \$3.6 billion in military construction money and \$2.5 billion in defense counterdrug funding to help build the border wall. Military construction funds go for bases, buildings and troop housing, while counterdrug funds are for narcotics interdiction efforts abroad.

Mr. Trump later told the Pentagon to augment the spending by transferring up to \$2.5 billion more from other Pentagon accounts to the drug interdiction budget.

Shifting funds between programs is commonplace across the federal government, especially at the Defense Department. However, the border wall transfers are unusual for their size and how they are being carried out, said Todd Harrison, director of the defense budget analysis program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

Budget "reprogramming" usually takes millions or even hundreds of millions from programs that are unable to spend their budgeted money, shifting it to another program or programs that are experiencing shortfalls.

In this case, however, billions are being pulled together from a variety of programs and then put toward what appears to be a single new project, the border wall.

"DoD knows that if they use the authority for controversial reprogramming, they'll lose that [congressional] authority, so they've been very careful," Mr. Harrison said.

Mr. Trump repeatedly pledged during his presidential campaign that Mexico would pay for the wall.

A spokeswoman for the White House Office of Management and Budget said the transfer of drug interdiction money to the border wall project was being done under "standard reprogramming authority."

Of the \$3.6 billion in military construction money being transferred, Defense Secretary Mark Esper hasn't defined which projects will be curtailed, said Pentagon spokesman Maj. Christian Mitchell.

A Wall Street Journal analysis in March found that \$4.4 billion in projects on a list the Pentagon sent to Congress would meet the military's criteria for cuts to fund a border wall.

Slightly more than half of these projects are either in foreign countries or U.S. territories without a congressional vote. Among U.S. states and territories, Puerto Rico has the most projects at risk, with 10 items, totaling \$402.6 million.

On the \$2.5 billion in drug interdiction money, the Pentagon this week identified more than \$1 billion in funds that will be transferred from other accounts to augment the wall spending.

The largest block of those transfers will consist of \$604 million that had been slated to support Afghan security forces, according to a list released by the Pentagon.

The administration also will use \$77.5 million in unclaimed money paid to reimburse U.S. partners involved in counterterrorism efforts under the Coalition Support Fund program.

An additional \$251 million will come out of Pentagon funds used to pay for the destruction of U.S. chemical weapons, part of a program to eliminate those kinds of arms, the Pentagon said.

About \$224 million will be transferred to border-wall funding from the military's new Blended Retirement System, a revamped system that combines the traditional military retirement system with a new system combining pensions and 401(k) programs. The program, standard for new recruits beginning last year, was optional for those already in the military.

Finally, the Pentagon will transfer about \$343 million in spending from Air Force weapons programs where officials have negotiated reductions or canceled systems.

Some of those sources had been identified earlier in the year as likely sources for the wall funding, drawing objections from Democratic lawmakers who said it amounts to circumventing congressional authority. Rep. Adam Smith (D., Wash.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said earlier this year that the effort to shift large sums of money is a "violation of trust" on the part of the administration, a position his spokeswoman, Monica Matoush, said hasn't changed.

However, Pentagon officials said none of the military fund transfers to border wall construction will result in any shortfall in readiness or cuts to military benefits.

The billions in new funding will pay for an additional 100 miles of border wall.

--Nancy A. Youssef, Anthony DeBarros and Kate Davidson contributed to this article

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2. Sanctions imposed on Iranian foreign minister

Washington Post, Aug. 1, Pg. A2 | Carol Morello and Karen DeYoung

The Trump administration imposed sanctions on Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Wednesday in a dramatic step bound to further escalate tensions with Tehran.

A senior administration official said Zarif had acted more as a "propaganda minister" than a diplomat. "Today, President Trump decided enough is enough," the official said.

The announcement came as Trump's national security adviser said that nuclear-related sanctions on Iran would again be waived, despite the opposition of some of the administration's most hard-line officials.

"This is a short, 90-day extension," John Bolton said in an interview with "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on Fox Business Network. Bolton, an Iran hawk, said Tehran would be "under constant observation" to ensure that nothing that contributes to a nuclear weapons capability in Iran would be permitted.

Bolton and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had advocated ending the waiver, which allows Russia, China and Europe to participate in Iran's civil nuclear program, as permitted under the 2015 agreement from which the administration withdrew last year. Five current waivers were due to expire Thursday, and the Treasury Department expressed concern about collateral effects of ending them on other signatories of the deal.

In a statement about the sanctions on Zarif, Pompeo said the foreign minister was "complicit" in Iran's support of terrorists, torture and other malign activity around the world.

Zarif mocked the designation in a tweet.

"The US' reason for designating me is that I am Iran's 'primary spokesperson around the world,'" he tweeted. "Is the truth really that painful? It has no effect on me or my family, as I have no property or interests outside of Iran. Thank you for considering me such a huge threat to your agenda."

A Treasury Department statement said Zarif was sanctioned because he "acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly" Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was sanctioned in late June. At that time, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said measures would also be taken against Zarif, but they were delayed after State Department officials argued that they would close the door to diplomacy.

Trump has frequently expressed a desire to talk with Iranian leaders, even as his administration deepens a "maximum pressure" campaign that has devastated the Iranian economy.

The administration official said Trump remains ready to speak with Iranian leaders - just not Zarif.

"If we do have an official contact with Iran, we would want to have contact with someone who is a significant decision-maker," the official said when asked whether sanctioning Iran's chief diplomat would limit U.S. ability to negotiate with Iran, if negotiations ever take place.

Zarif "would not be the president's selected point of contact," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity under rules set by the administration.

While Trump has continued to say he is open to negotiations without preconditions, both Pompeo and Bolton have indicated that the list of conditions is long. Pompeo said in a statement that the administration "continues to seek a diplomatic solution," but that "the only path forward is a comprehensive deal that addresses the full range of [Iranian] threats."

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), a Trump confidant who met with Zarif recently to discuss back-channel communications, tweeted his concern: "If you sanction diplomats you'll have less diplomacy."

The sanctions freeze all U.S. assets and prohibit any U.S. person or entity from financial dealings with Zarif, and threatens sanctions against those in other countries that deal with him.

The sanctions also prohibit travel to the United States, which is already banned for Iranian officials. Under international agreement, the United States must admit those traveling to the United Nations in their official capacity. Zarif visited the United Nations in July, although the State Department limited him to U.N. headquarters and the Iranian diplomatic mission in New York nearby.

Zarif, who speaks fluent English and has a ready smile and generally calm demeanor, "has the veneer, the masquerade if you will, of being the sincere and reasonable interlocutor for the regime," the administration official said. "Our point today is he is no such thing."

While serving as the "international face of this regime," the official said, Zarif has been "heading propaganda and disinformation campaigns" while "defending the regime's persecution of the Iranian people . . . as well as suppression of free speech," and support for the imprisonment of Washington Post correspondent Jason Rezaian for 18 months, from 2014 to 2016.

Tensions between Washington and Iran have been growing since the Trump administration withdrew from the 2015 international nuclear deal last year and began its "maximum pressure" campaign. Initially, Tehran appeared to be exercising a policy of "maximum patience," hoping it could outlast Trump's time in office. But Iran became more aggressive as the United States tightened sanctions, breaching some elements of the nuclear agreement and challenging oil tankers traversing the Strait of Hormuz.

Following U.S. withdrawal from the nuclear deal, Trump reimposed sanctions on Iranian oil exports that had been lifted as part of the agreement.

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3. Pompeo says U.S. not asking Asia to take sides

Associated Press, Aug. 1 | Eileen Ng

BANGKOK -- U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday that Washington isn't asking any Asian nation to take sides as it engages with the region where China is battling for influence and aggressively expanding territorial claims in the South China Sea.

Pompeo hailed an Indo-Pacific engagement framework adopted by the leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in June, saying it supports sovereignty, transparency, good governance and a rules-based order among other things.

U.S.-China rivalry has put the 10-member bloc in a tight spot and the new framework is aimed at finding a middle ground to keep on the good side of both Washington and Beijing.

"Look, we don't ever ask any Indo-Pacific nations to choose between countries. Our engagement in this region has not been and will not be a zero sum exercise. Our interests simply naturally converge with yours to our mutual benefit," Pompeo said in a speech at an annual meeting with his ASEAN counterparts.

U.S. relations with ASEAN are guided by a shared commitment to the fundamental rules of law, human rights and sustainable economic growth, he added.

Beijing attempts to project its influence globally through its "Belt and Road" initiative, an ambitious development program of major infrastructure projects, while Washington is promoting its own vision strategy for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, which Beijing regards as directed against it.

Despite Pompeo's comments in Bangkok, he and other Trump administration officials have for months been raising the alarm about the dangers of allowing significant Russian and Chinese investment in their technology and infrastructure sectors.

On a tour of Europe earlier this year, Pompeo told Poland, Hungary and Britain among others to shun the Chinese telecoms giant Huawei, warning that the U.S. may be forced to limit intelligence cooperation with them if they go ahead with 5G projects run by the company. In Latin America, Pompeo and others have said Chinese development investment and assistance will come with a price, maintaining that the country seeks to enrich only itself with predatory practices.

Pompeo's comments Thursday came a day after China warned outside nations against any attempt to sow discord between Beijing and ASEAN countries by playing up disputes over the South China Sea.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said after talks with ASEAN countries on Wednesday that any differences can be resolved among the parties themselves. He also reaffirmed Beijing's commitment to conclude a Code of Conduct with ASEAN governing the South China Sea that will make the disputed region more stable.

China's assertive territorial claims in the South China Sea, which carries a third of global shipping, has drawn rebuke from the United States and become a flashpoint for the region, with some sea features under overlapping claims by ASEAN members Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei.

Wang told reporters Thursday after talks with Pompeo on the sidelines of the ASEAN meetings that they both exchanged views on how to advance bilateral ties "defined by coordination, cooperation and stability."

"Secretary Pompeo made it very clear that neither President (Donald) Trump nor the U.S. administration has the intention to contain China's development. The United States hopes to see smooth progress in Sino-US economic and trade consultation," Wang said.

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LETHALITY

4. CNO Nominee Gilday Names AI as Top Tech Priority

Seapower Magazine Online, July 31 | Richard R. Burgess

WASHINGTON -- The newest nominee for chief of naval operations listed his top three technology priorities to the Senate Armed Services Committee during his July 31 confirmation hearing, with artificial intelligence coming in as No. 1.

“On the top of the list I would put artificial intelligence,” Vice Adm. Michael M. Gilday said in response to a question from Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa).

“I think that that there are capabilities resident in industry that we can harness to our advantage. What I am particularly interested in is how we use data in a more innovative way to give us a quicker flash to bang, from decision-making to action. There is a lot of information at our fingertips every single day; it’s getting the right information to the right people at the right time so you can make the right decisions faster than your opponent.”

“I think there is great promise there,” Gilday added. “We are doing some experimenting now that I’m very excited about.”

Gilday said that hypersonics — his second technology priority — “is a must that we have to get after quickly. Industry is our best partner as we work through this.”

His third technology priority is unmanned systems.

“That is the future,” he said. “We have to look more deeply at how we would operate with unmanned vessels, whether they are on the sea, or under the sea, or in the air.”

Gilday said he “would take a look at wargaming, concept development and with experimentation. We’ve almost doubled the number of exercises we’re doing in the next year from 97 to 171. We’re going to look at these new technologies. If they’re going to fail, they can fail fast. If it’s something we want to invest in, then we put heat on it and field it quickly.”

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5. 'A Failure of the Navy:' Next CNO Addresses Problems with New Carrier

Military.com, July 31 | Gina Harkins

The admiral tapped to lead the Navy did not hold back when questioned by lawmakers about a host of problems that have delayed the delivery of a new aircraft carrier and pushed it far over budget.

Vice Adm. Michael Gilday faced tough questions from lawmakers about big problems aboard the \$13 billion aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford during his Senate confirmation hearing to serve as the next chief of naval operations.

Republican Sen. Jim Inhofe, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, even went as far as to say the problems with the ship's weapons elevators, a dual-band radar, and catapults and arresting gear that launch and catch aircraft on the flight deck "ought to be criminal."

Though Gilday highlighted some of the progress the Navy has made in getting the ship's radar and catapult and arresting gear squared away, he acknowledged that there are serious lessons to be learned from the way the new technologies were developed. That includes the service's decision not to test the elevators that carry ordnance up to the flight deck ashore before installing them on the first in the new line of Ford-class carriers.

"Ultimately, I would consider that a failure of the Navy," Gilday said.

Twenty-three new technologies were introduced onto the carrier Ford, which was supposed to deploy by 2021. Ongoing problems with the elevators have again pushed the post-shakedown availability back to October -- even after Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer said President Donald Trump could fire him if the systems weren't up and running by next month. The post-shakedown availability is meant to fix problems the crew spots after a ship is commissioned.

"Even with this delay, only two elevators of the 11 elevators will be ready in October," Inhofe said. "Nine elevators will not be ready and likely will not be completed until 2020 or later."

"This is the latest example of Navy leaders not being straightforward when it comes to the program," the senator added.

Gilday said it's "absolutely critical" to test brand-new systems for complex warships ashore going forward.

"If we're going to introduce new technologies, [they should be] prototyped adequately and proven before we go to production," he said.

Navy leaders have a responsibility to keep the production of new ships on their projected timeline, Gilday added. He pledged that as CNO, he would ensure steps are taken to better test new systems before they're added to new submarines or other vessels.

Though the weapons elevators remain a major hurdle for the carrier, Gilday said the Navy has made real progress with the new electromagnetic aircraft launch system, or EMALS. That system, along with the carrier's arresting gear, have been used to launch and recover 800 planes at sea, Gilday said. That's in line with the level of reliability found on Nimitz-class carriers, he added, which use steam-powered catapults.

"The focus right now is on those elevators," Gilday said.

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6. US Navy jet crashes in Death Valley National Park, injuring seven

CNN.com, July 31 | Ryan Browne and Zachary Cohen

A US Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet jet crashed Wednesday in Death Valley National Park, at a spot known to aviation enthusiasts as Star Wars Canyon, according to park spokesman Patrick Taylor, who told CNN that seven visitors suffered minor injuries as a result.

As a general rule, military jets are not allowed to fly over national parks, but an exception was made over this section of Death Valley when it became a national park 25 years ago. In fact, Taylor said, that particular vista is a popular place to watch military training flights.

The crash occurred east of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in California, according to the Navy.

"Search and rescue personnel are on scene and the status of the pilot is currently unknown," Lt. Cmdr. Lydia Bock, a spokesperson for the Joint Strike Fighter Wing, said in a statement.

"The cause of the crash is currently under investigation," Bock added.

The F/A-18 had been assigned to the "Vigilantes" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 151 based at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California.

US Naval Air Forces had issued a tweet earlier Wednesday confirming a crash had taken place.

"At approximately 10:00 a.m PST an F/A-18E crashed near @NAWS_CL. Search-and-rescue efforts are underway," Naval Air Forces tweeted from its verified Twitter account.

A spokesperson for the Inyo County Sheriff's Office, Carma Roper, told CNN that they were helping to secure the area until the military arrived on scene.

Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake is located in the Western Mojave Desert region of California and is approximately 125 miles north of Los Angeles.

The F/A-18 strike fighter forms the backbone of the Navy's jet fleet and the Super Hornet variant became operational in 2001.

--CNN's Cheri Mossburg contributed to this report

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7. Pentagon pushes Egypt to fight counterinsurgency campaign in Sinai

Al-Monitor, July 31 | Jack Detsch

In his first meeting with a Middle East nation since his confirmation as defense secretary, Mark Esper pressed his Egyptian counterpart this week to wage a counterinsurgency-style fight in the Sinai Peninsula.

"During his visit, I spoke to [Defense] Minister [Mohammad] Zaki extensively about their efforts in Sinai and it's clear we share the importance of a population-centric approach, even if it takes longer to be successful," Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East Mick Mulroy said in a statement provided exclusively to Al-Monitor.

The statement is a sign of the Pentagon's optimism about the relationship, even as the fight in the desert against the Islamic State and other groups has frustrated lawmakers, including Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the ranking Democrat on the upper chamber's powerful appropriations panel. Leahy has held up \$105 million in US military aid over US access to Sinai and other issues since 2018.

The pressure has increased on both sides of Capitol Hill. In May, the House conditioned \$260 million of Egypt's military assistance on human rights and democracy in its annual foreign aid spending bill.

Yet US observation in the area still faces challenges. A military official who spoke to Al-Monitor on condition of anonymity said transit between US-owned outposts in southern and northern Sinai, where the bulk of the fight is taking place, is often bogged down by bureaucratic troubles and disputes over the threat posed by insurgent groups.

Despite the Pentagon's efforts to improve the relationship, experts told Al-Monitor that Egypt has since 2016 mostly blocked the US military from accessing Sinai to make sure US weapons aren't used to commit human rights violations, as called for under US aid law. Human Rights Watch reported in May that Egyptian forces were involved in 14 cases of extrajudicial killings in northern Sinai in recent years, and forcibly disappeared 39 people.

During a December visit to review counterterrorism efforts in Sinai, Mulroy observed desalinization efforts and other work to restore economic opportunities, speaking with top generals and less senior officials.

The fight in Sinai forms part of the classified Irregular Warfare Annex to the National Defense Strategy, which calls on the Department of Defense to use foreign internal defense principles, advise and assist tactics, and influence operations to push back against great power competitors such as Russia and China. The annex was spearheaded by Owen West, the recently departed assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low intensity conflict.

Meanwhile, the United States closed a sale with Egypt during Zaki's visit, providing \$554 million in technical support to the Egyptian navy's Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates, fast missile crafts and mine hunters.

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8. Top U.S. admiral nominee says foreign partners would do most of the work in Gulf plan

The Hill Online, July 31 | Rebecca Kheel

The United States envisions a plan to escort ships through the Gulf region being carried out "80 or 90 percent" by allies and partners, the admiral nominated to lead the Navy said Wednesday.

"The coalition that we're building in the Arabian Gulf and specifically in the Strait of Hormuz is going to be 80 or 90 percent a coalition effort and a much smaller U.S. effort," Vice Adm. Michael Gilday told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday, using an alternate name for the Persian Gulf. "It is primarily focused on providing intelligence support to the rest of the coalition. So we will escort our ships as they come along, but we won't be there in great numbers. The idea is for the regional partners to bear the lion's share of the burden."

Gilday, currently the director of the Joint Staff, was testifying at his confirmation hearing to be the next chief of naval operations.

Gilday's nomination to be the Navy's top admiral came after the previous, Senate-confirmed nominee instead abruptly retired amid questions about a professional relationship he maintained with an officer accused of misconduct.

On Wednesday, Gilday was asked by Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) whether the United States has enough resources to escort ships through the Gulf.

“We will have the resources and do have the resources to escort U.S.-flagged ships, U.S.-owned ships through the Strait of Hormuz. There aren’t that many of them that make that transit,” Gilday said.

The United States has been trying to sell a plan to partners and allies that it has dubbed Operation Sentinel to protect commercial ships sailing through the region amid heightened tensions with Iran.

The United States has blamed Iran for attacks on several oil tankers in the region over the past few months. Iran also seized a British-flagged tanker than was traveling through the Strait of Hormuz earlier this month.

The Strait of Hormuz is a strategic choke point through which a fifth of the world’s oil travels.

The United States, though, has had trouble getting other countries to sign on to the plan.

After the British tanker was seized, England announced its own plan for a European-led maritime security initiative.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper has dismissed concerns of that being a sign of a crack in the alliance, calling the British effort “complementary.”

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9. No plan to change South Korea-U.S. military exercise, U.S. official says

Reuters, Aug. 1 | Idrees Ali

WASHINGTON -- The United States does not plan to make changes to a military drill with South Korea, a senior U.S. defense official said on Wednesday, despite a series of North Korean missile launches intended to pressure Seoul and Washington to stop joint exercises.

The U.S. and South Korean militaries are planning to stage a joint exercise in August, known as Dong Maeng, which is believed to be a slimmed down version of an annual drill once known as Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise, which included thousands of U.S. troops.

North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles on Wednesday after two similar missile tests last week, raising the stakes for U.S. and South Korean diplomats hoping to restart talks on North Korean denuclearization.

"No adjustment or change in plans that we're aware of or are planning," the U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said.

It is unclear how many U.S. troops will be involved this year, but the official noted that the exercise, as in the past, would have a large computer simulated portion.

"The main thing you want to test, exercise, practice is to make decisions in a combined decision making environment because we have an integrated command structure," the official said.

U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met on June 30, but Pyongyang has since accused Washington of breaking a promise by planning the military exercises and warned the drills could derail talks.

North Korean State news agency KCNA repeated calls for the United States and South Korea to end their "hostile" joint drills, but did not mention the missile launches.

South Korea has said previously that the joint military exercise would go ahead, denying Pyongyang's charges that holding it would breach an agreement made between Trump and Kim.

"We have to do two things: we have to give the diplomats appropriate space for their diplomacy and help create an environment that is conducive to the talks when they resume ... and we have to maintain readiness," the U.S. official said.

Newly appointed U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper will be making his first official visit to Seoul, which the Pentagon said on Tuesday was scheduled as part of a tour through Asia in August.

--Additional reporting by Phil Stewart

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10. Bolton suggests fivefold rise in Japan's spending on U.S. military

Asahi Shimbun (Japan) Online, July 31 | Shigeki Tosa and Yoshihiro Makino

WASHINGTON/TOKYO -- The Trump administration is seeking up to a fivefold increase in what Japan pays to support U.S. military forces based here, a U.S. government source said.

When John Bolton, national security adviser to U.S. President Donald Trump, visited Japan on July 21-22, he raised the possibility of the fivefold increase in talks with Foreign Minister Taro Kono and Shotaro Yachi, the head of the National Security Council secretariat, the source said.

While Bolton's proposal may only be an opening gambit by the U.S. side in the expected difficult negotiations over host nation support, Trump has long complained that Japan was not contributing enough to its defense and that the U.S. military was being asked to shoulder an unfair burden.

Under an agreement reached with the United States under President Barack Obama, Japan will pay a total of 946.5 billion yen (\$8.7 billion) over the five-year period from fiscal 2016 to fiscal 2020.

New negotiations on what has also been called the "sympathy budget" are expected to start next year for the period from fiscal 2021.

Trump at one time suggested he would remove all U.S. military personnel from Japan if Tokyo refused to cover all of the costs of stationing those troops in Japan.

Trump continued complaining when he visited Osaka in late June for the Group of 20 summit. He criticized the Security Treaty between the two nations as unfair and said he had repeatedly pressed Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to revise the treaty.

According to a 2004 report by the U.S. Defense Department, Japan that year contributed 74.5 percent of the costs of basing the U.S. military in Japan. The ratio was much higher than those for European nations that also host U.S. military facilities.

Given the high level of Japan's sympathy budget, government officials had generally believed it would be difficult for Washington to request an increase in the amount that Tokyo pays.

But Bolton's proposal shows that Trump remains intent on seeing greater Japanese expenditures for U.S. troops based here.

The sympathy budget began in 1978 after the U.S. government faced a fiscal deficit as well as a stronger yen.

After his stop in Japan, Bolton had a similar message when he visited South Korea and met with Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha and other officials on July 24.

According to government sources from Japan, South Korea and the United States, Bolton asked Seoul to greatly increase its expenditures for U.S. troops based there.

In 2018, Seoul paid 960.2 billion won (about 88.2 billion yen) to base U.S. troops in South Korea. For 2019, the figure was increased to 1.038 trillion won (about 95.4 billion yen), and the period covered by the expenditure was reduced from five years to one.

Bolton asked for an even greater increase for 2020. Negotiations between the United States and South Korea are also expected to be difficult.

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11. US boosts Brazil status as military ally

Agence France-Presse, July 31 | Not Attributed

President Donald Trump on Wednesday boosted Brazil's status as a US military ally, easing the path for the Latin American giant to buy more sophisticated weaponry.

In a notice sent to the State Department, Trump said, "I hereby designate the Federative Republic of Brazil as a major Non-NATO Ally of the United States," referring to the powerful North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Countries with Non-NATO Ally status enjoy a higher level of trust with Washington, allowing them priority access to the US weapons market and bolstering military-to-military ties.

Egypt, Israel, New Zealand and Taiwan are among other allies of the United States already in the group.

Trump had already declared in May that he intended to give Brazil the status.

The Republican president is forging close links with Brazil's new right-wing president, Jair Bolsonaro, who has been dubbed the Trump of Brazil since his surprise election last year.

Brazil is Latin America's most populous country and biggest economy, but mired in corruption and soaring rates of violent crime. Bolsonaro is also under criticism for what environmental groups say is a rapidly growing assault by miners, loggers and others on the Amazon rainforest.

On Tuesday, Trump said his administration is working with Brazil, a major producer of raw materials and farm products, on a new free trade agreement that would lower tariffs.

Last year, Washington threatened to impose tariffs on Brazilian steel and aluminum, but later granted an exemption.

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12. Hypersonics: From Zero To 40 Plus Flights In Next Four Years

As Mark Lewis, an expert on hypersonics at the Institute for Defense Analyses, said here at the NDIA conference: ‘You can’t walk more than 10 feet in the Pentagon without hearing the word hypersonics’

BreakingDefense.com, July 31 | Colin Clark

PURDUE UNIVERSITY -- The Pentagon plans to nearly double its spending on hypersonic-related technologies in fiscal year 2020 — if Congress approves it — and hopes to run around 40 flight tests of hypersonic vehicles over the next four years, Pentagon officials say.

It’s all part of the much higher profile of hypersonics have in the US military, with the White House receiving a hypersonics briefing earlier this month.

As Mark Lewis, an expert at the Institute for Defense Analyses, said here at the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) conference on the topic: “You can’t walk more than 10 feet in the Pentagon without hearing the word hypersonics.”

But the US effort lags those of China and Russia in several key metrics, at least. Lewis’ chart below speaks for itself.

And, Lewis notes, the US has not flown hypersonic vehicles enough to gather data and press forward with redesigned systems improved as a result of testing. The Pentagon’s 2020 budget request for both hypersonic vehicles and defense against them is \$2.6 billion. Some \$157.4 million of that is for hypersonic defense programs. None of these are programs of record. As any close watcher of the US military knows, that usually means there is actually not a formal requirement for a weapon. So we may be pressing ahead, but these efforts remain fragile and lacking in institutional support.

The DoD’s Deputy Undersecretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Alan Shaffer, appeared here and offered an abundance of caution.

“We’ve got to pay attention to cost and we’ve got to pay attention to affordability,” he said. “Folks, I need you to make hypersonics in a way that we can produce them, I need for industry and the military to think about intellectual property and the possible fragility of the industrial supply chain.”

At lunch, the chair of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee offered a splash of cold water to the enthusiasm of many at the sold-out conference. Hypersonics research is just getting going again at the same time that a huge swell of funding for other weapons loom.

“We have nuclear modernization and there is going to be a bulge in the budget. We have a new submarine and there is going to be bulge in the budget. We have a new bomber and there is going to be bulge in the budget,” Rep. Pete Visclosky said. Bear in mind that Visclosky represents a nearby constituency to Lafayette, the home of Purdue. And the university offers one of the most advanced wind tunnels designed for hypersonics work, so he would normally be inclined to support funding for something so close to home.

A key thing the hypersonics community might want to consider is trying to consolidate what defense officials and experts here said was overlapping work and some technological duplication.

“We need a coordinated national approach,” said Lewis, and it must be one that includes NASA and strong international partners like Australia. The US and the Aussies have worked together on a program called Hypersonic International Flight Research Experimentation (HIFiRE). Australia also offers the rare jewel of the 47,177 square mile Woomera Test Range for hypersonics testing.

The US military is keenly aware of the need for some consolidation, as the head of Army Futures Command said in May.

“We are looking across the entire investment portfolio for hypersonics and trying to figure out how we are going to start doing some consolidation,” said Gen. John “Mike” Murray. He was the Army’s funding guru — the deputy chief of staff for programming — before becoming the first-ever chief of the newly created Army Futures Command last August.

“It’s too early for me to say ‘this program, that program, this program,’” he said, “but we know that hypersonics are going to be very expensive, and we’re going to have to make a decision on the exact path we’re headed down pretty quick.”

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GREAT POWER COMPETITION

13. Hyten: Arms shortfalls in China war

Washington Times (Inside the Ring), Aug. 1, Pg. A9 | Bill Gertz

Air Force Gen. John Hyten, nominee for vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, this week outlined U.S. military concerns about weapons shortfalls that increase risks for any future conflict with China.

Gen. Hyten, currently commander of U.S. Strategic Command, said in a prepared statement to the Senate Armed Services Committee made public Tuesday that China's missile forces pose the most significant threat to U.S. forces.

The IndoPacific Command annually provides the chairman of the Joint Chiefs with a list of shortfalls of military forces and weapons needed to win a conflict against Beijing.

According to the four-star general, current shortfalls exist in numbers of critical munitions, undersea warfare dominance forces and the ability to counter China's growing missiles and other weapons designed to keep U.S. forces out of the area. The military calls these Chinese forces "anti-access, area-denial" forces, such as missiles and submarines.

Additionally, the ability to resupply U.S. forces in Asia during a conflict with China would be difficult.

"Conflict with China poses formidable challenges to the joint logistics enterprise," Gen. Hyten said, adding that military leaders are "actively working to mitigate the risk to our logistics enterprise through strategic positioning."

Regarding China's large missile forces, Gen. Hyten said threat to U.S. forces and bases from missiles is "substantial and growing."

"The People's Liberation Army Rocket Forces have a growing inventory of medium- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles that threaten U.S. bases in the region, including those in South Korea, Japan, and Guam, as well as naval forces operating inside the Second Island Chain," he said, referring to the line of islands stretching from North Asia to Southeast Asia. "Many are purpose-built for specific targets, such as aircraft carriers or air bases, and PLA Rocket Forces maintain a high degree of combat readiness."

Chinese military technology also is "constantly evolving" with increased range, greater survivability, accuracy and lethality, he said.

Recent congressional funding will provide focus and urgency to counter the threat, "but we have a long way to go to deter and counter ballistic missiles and future hypersonic weapons," he noted.

The military is investing in early-phase missile defense, increased missile interceptor capability and improved land and space sensors.

"China has quickly closed the gap with respect to protection of forces from the threat ballistic and cruise missiles pose to our land- and sea-based assets," Gen. Hyten said.

To counter the Chinese military, Gen. Hyten said, American military forces need to build up capabilities in undersea warfare, critical munitions and long-range weapons such as air-to-air missiles, air-to-surface missiles, surface-to-surface missiles and anti-ship missiles.

The military also needs to develop intermediate-range cruise missile and low-cost, high-capacity cruise missile defenses, hypersonic weapons and air and surface cargo lift capabilities. Also needed are cyberwarfare capabilities, air-to-air refueling systems and hardened communication and navigation systems, Gen. Hyten said.

“In addition to improving the current systems stated above, we must enhance our logistics and [intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and posture] in the key areas of responsibility,” he said.

China’s naval buildup includes a massive shipbuilding program that by 2030 will include nearly 100 more warships than the U.S. Navy, which currently keeps about 60% of its forces in the Pacific.

To counter China’s submarine buildup, the Navy is building unmanned underwater vehicles and improving submarine forces.

“In addition to a suite of asymmetric solutions, we are advancing undersea mining capabilities to counter Russian and Chinese advancements in undersea warfare,” Gen. Hyten said.

Asymmetric and irregular war fighting capabilities also are being prepared for use against the Chinese military.

“We will prioritize the ability to exploit subsurface advantages and, when required, use standoff air and surface long-range fires to hold surface combatants at risk,” Gen. Hyten said.

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14. Competition (With China) IS The New Deterrence, U.S. Military Leaders Say

Vice Adm. David Kriete, deputy STRATCOM commander: ‘Strategic deterrence is active deterrence; it’s very dynamic’

BreakingDefense.com, July 31 | Theresa Hitchens

OMAHA -- “The most important word in the [National Defense Strategy] is compete,” Gen. Timothy Ray, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, told reporters here today. And senior officers speaking at Strategic Command’s 10th annual deterrence conference here fixated on China as the likeliest US adversary.

After years of focusing on the terrorism threat, Ray said the US has “not thought about what we would call an adversary’s theory of victory as deeply as we should. On the hard end, the worst end, it’s about

being put on the horns of dilemma: where you are going to either walk away because you can't compete or you're going to stick your face in a woodchipper." Obviously, he said, the US and the West do not wish to find themselves in that situation.

To avoid that, the US has to be ready and able to compete with its rivals in shaping the global strategic environment before conflict starts. "Your strategy has to address the strategy of your adversary," he said, and in today's world that includes thinking about how to compete in new military domains such as space and cyber, but also in the economic arena. "Do you have to win every event? I believe you don't. You have to win the ones that count and you have to be honest about which ones count and which ones don't," he said.

Vice Adm. David Kriete, deputy STRATCOM commander, expanded on the approach from the, well, strategic, level: "Strategic deterrence is active deterrence; it's very dynamic. ... Deterrence today must also occur across all domains: air, land, sea, space and cyber."

On the other hand, Ray cautioned that the US has to avoid mirror imaging. "Not all our rivals have all the tools" to be able to understand how the US might respond to a situation, and what would escalate a crisis, he warned.

Indeed, Rear Adm. Michael Brooks, head of STRATCOM's J2, the Intelligence staff, expressed concern that China (and Russia) have "intentions" in the space, cyber and electronic warfare domains that could in future potentially compromise US nuclear command and control — something that US nuclear experts of all political stripes agree raises the risks of unwanted crisis escalation. There have been a number of US reports — including the January report by the Defense Intelligence Agency on threats to US space forces — that suggest China (and perhaps even Russia) may be willing to attack US early warning satellites that play key roles in nuclear deterrence.

And, despite the focus on competition, there remains widespread concern among senior US military leaders about China's nuclear posture.

"China has doubled its nuclear arsenal in the last decade, and is on track to double it again in the next decade," said Brooks. "It's a little bit concerning, the pace of change."

"China has been on a clear trajectory whereby they're increasing the numbers of nuclear weapons that they field, they're increasing the number and diversity of the delivery systems; they're working on fielding a triad," Kriete said, adding that at the same time "increasing their nuclear weapons production capacity." That build up, he said, is "directly tied" to the long range objectives of the leadership in Beijing that includes eventually exerting Chinese influence on a global scale.

According to Jonathan Ward, a regional expert at consulting firm Atlas Organization, those goals include “becoming the dominant empire in the region and the world” by 2049, the centennial anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party. Ward cautioned that the US cannot prevent China from “surpassing the United States as a global power” by military means alone; rather, he stressed, the competition is primarily now in the economic realm. This includes China’s ‘Made in China 2025’ strategy to ensure strong Chinese competitiveness in a number of key high-tech sectors, such as robotics and aerospace, that are now dominated by the US and others.

At the same time, Ray said that the US military cannot simply “spend our way out of this competition” with China. Rather, he said, the US must very carefully recalculate its international relationships and its responses. That includes understanding how you can keep an edge in geopolitics and economic competition that is sustainable, something that US political leaders “in Washington” especially have to focus on, Ray said. “You can try to set a pace in a race that you can’t keep, or you can pick the races in which you can set the pace at a rate where you can have a dominant hand.”

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15. Landmark U.S.-Russia arms control treaty poised for final blow

The Hill Online, July 31 | Rebecca Kheel and Morgan Chalfant

The U.S. is about to officially toss out a 30-year-old arms control treaty credited with helping end the Cold War.

Friday marks the end of a six-month withdrawal period from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, after the Trump administration announced in February that the U.S. was leaving the pact. That means the U.S. will be freed from its obligations under the accord.

Now, all eyes are looking to see what comes next in U.S.-Russia arms control, with a particular focus on the administration’s preparations to move forward with previously banned weapons.

And that’s raising concerns among some Democrats that another Cold War-style arms race is on the horizon.

“The withdrawal without a follow-on is the invitation for an arms race,” said Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), the ranking member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. “And Russia will clearly spend money on updating and amplifying its weapons systems. And the last thing we need is another arms race. So I’m hoping there can be some effort to move us in the right direction.”

The 1987 INF Treaty prohibited the U.S. and Soviet Union, and later Russia, from having nuclear and conventional ground-launched ballistic and cruise missiles with ranges between 500 kilometers and 5,500 kilometers.

American officials have publicly accused Russia of breaching the treaty by fielding a new cruise missile, the 9M729, since the Obama administration. Trump's announcement in February that the U.S. would withdraw from the pact followed numerous warnings to Russia and was not met with much surprise. Moscow has long denied violating the treaty and until last year, hadn't acknowledged the missile's existence.

Shortly after the Trump administration announced it was withdrawing from the treaty, Russia also said it would leave.

Experts see the dissolution of the INF as evidence of a broader departure from Soviet-era pacts that haven't been flexible enough to keep pace with the evolving global security challenges in the decades following the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Frank Rose, who served as assistant secretary of State for arms control, verification and compliance during the Obama administration, argued the INF Treaty ultimately collapsed because it wasn't able to respond to changes in the security environment in Eurasia, with countries like China fielding new arms capabilities.

"I see the INF's demise as the latest installment in a larger story, and that's the collapse of the U.S.-Russia bilateral strategic stability framework," said Rose, now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "These arms control treaties have not kept up to the changes to the security environment."

In Congress, administration critics say they are looking for signs Trump officials have an arms control plan to fill the void.

"I do understand the Russians are violating the treaty. I don't want to see us simply pull out and not try to negotiate something else because another arms race doesn't serve anybody," House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith (D-Wash.) said. "I am worried that we don't seem to have a path forward on an arms control discussion with Russia, or with China for that matter, and that the administration seems unwilling to move forward on that path."

With the INF Treaty ending, just one major arms control agreement between the U.S. and Russia remains: the New START Treaty.

New START, negotiated by the Obama administration, caps the number of deployed nuclear warheads each country can have at 1,550.

John Bolton, Trump's national security adviser and skeptic of arms control agreements, has signaled the administration is unlikely to renew New START, which is up for renewal in 2021.

The administration has indicated it wants to expand the scope of the treaty as a condition of extension, by taking steps such as folding in China and other weapons not currently covered by the agreement.

To that end, earlier this month, a U.S. delegation met with Russian officials in Geneva to discuss “the president’s vision for a new direction in nuclear arms control with Russia and China,” the State Department said at the time.

Arms control advocates fear the administration is using China as a red herring to abandon New START. China is unlikely to agree to join the agreement and, in any case, is known to have far fewer nuclear weapons than the treaty allows, advocates argue.

“The collapse of the INF Treaty makes an extension of New START all the more important in my view,” said Kingston Reif, director for disarmament and threat reduction policy at the Arms Control Association. “Pursuit of a broader agreement with Russia and China is a worthwhile objective, but not at the expense of extending New START, and so far, the administration doesn’t appear to have a plan or the capacity to negotiate a new, more comprehensive deal.”

Trump ally Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he does not see INF and New START as linked, but that there is “plenty of pressure on New START already.”

More immediately, the U.S. and Europe are preparing for a post-INF world.

Experts generally agree with the Trump administration’s decision to withdraw from INF given Russia’s years of flouting its obligations. But they’ve criticized how Trump announced his intention to do so last at a campaign rally October, saying it didn’t put the blame squarely on Russia and left U.S. allies in the dark.

Rose said he has concerns over whether the administration can manage the withdrawal from the treaty and future arms control negotiations.

“The key question now that the treaty will die on Friday is this: Does the Trump administration have the diplomatic skills to manage the treaty’s demise in a way that maintains the cohesion of our allies, maintains a level of stability with Russia in the mid- to near-term, and facilitates the transition from the currently stability framework?

“I think the jury is out whether they have the diplomatic skills and the team in place to effectively do it,” he added.

The Guardian reported earlier this month that the State Department arms control office has been reduced from 14 staffers to four since the Trump administration began.

The U.S. and NATO have conferred several times since Trump's October comments created anxiety among American allies, with NATO eventually backing the decision to withdraw.

Still, NATO has made clear it does not want U.S. nuclear missiles that violate the treaty being stationed on European soil. Options that NATO has discussed include more military exercises; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; air and missile defense; and unspecified conventional capabilities.

"We will not mirror what Russia does," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said last month. "We do not want a new arms race, but as Russia is deploying new missiles, we must ensure that our deterrence and defense remain credible and effective. This is NATO's job."

The Pentagon said in March it plans to flight-test a non-nuclear cruise missile with a potential range of 1,000 kilometers in August.

Asked Tuesday for an update on the status of the test, the Pentagon did not directly comment, but said "it appears that the INF Treaty will terminate on August 2, 2019, as a result of Russia's material breach."

"Russia has not taken any meaningful steps to return to verifiable compliance with its obligations," Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Col. Carla Gleason said in an email to The Hill. "After the treaty ends on August 2, 2019, the United States will no longer be under the INF Treaty prohibitions on possession, production, and flight-testing of ground-launched, intermediate-range cruise and ballistic missiles."

The Pentagon has requested \$10 million in its fiscal 2020 budget to develop missile systems within the INF Treaty range.

House Democrats, however, are hoping to block the Pentagon from moving forward with the missiles. The House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes an amendment that prohibits funding for the missiles unless certain conditions are met.

The bill must be reconciled with the Senate's version, where Republicans are vowing to strip the amendment.

"You don't have a treaty when you only have one party adhering to it. The Russians haven't for years," said Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), who chairs the Senate Armed Services subcommittee with oversight of nuclear weapons. "I hope the Senate NDAA is adopted because it's the one that needs to happen."

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EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE

16. The Pentagon's top two jobs are finally filled

Military Times Online, July 31 | Meghann Myers

After a whirlwind few weeks, the Defense Department has two confirmed officials in its top civilian roles, and the Navy secretary has gone back to his official duties.

Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist took his oath on Wednesday afternoon, according to a Pentagon release, following his confirmation by the Senate on Tuesday evening.

"Secretary Norquist has been sworn in and has the full authority and responsibility of the deputy secretary of defense," spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said in a statement. "Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer has ceased to perform the duties of the deputy secretary of defense and is serving solely as the secretary of the Navy."

Spencer had served as the acting defense secretary and then "performed the duties of" the deputy defense secretary in July, as the White House nominated new officials for each of those jobs.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper was sworn in on July 23, making him the first official confirmed in that role since former Defense Secretary James Mattis resigned in December.

Esper, previously the Army secretary, ascended to the acting defense secretary role in late June, then returned to the Army for a week in July following his nomination. The Senate voted 90-8 to confirm him.

The following day, then-Pentagon comptroller Norquist appeared for his own Senate Armed Services Committee confirmation hearing, followed a week later by a unanimous vote.

With the top two civilian officials at the Pentagon now in place, the services are waiting on a vote to confirm the next vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Air Force Gen. John Hyten, now head of U.S. Strategic Command, appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday.

If confirmed, he will join Army Gen. Mark Milley, who was confirmed as the chairman in an 89-1 Senate vote on Thursday, in the military's top uniformed jobs.

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17. Navy SEAL prosecutors to be stripped of achievement medals

Associated Press, July 31 | Jill Colvin

WASHINGTON -- Navy officials said Wednesday they are pulling achievement medals from prosecutors who argued the case against a decorated Navy SEAL who was acquitted in the death of a wounded Islamic State captive after President Donald Trump intervened.

Trump tweeted earlier Wednesday that he had directed the secretary of the Navy and the chief of naval operations to "immediately withdraw and rescind" the Navy Achievement Medal from prosecutors who argued the case against Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher, who was acquitted by military jurors earlier this month.

"The Prosecutors who lost the case against SEAL Eddie Gallagher (who I released from solitary confinement so he could fight his case properly), were ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal," Trump complained, adding, "I am very happy for Eddie Gallagher and his family!"

Navy spokesman Cdr. Jereal Dorsey said that on Wednesday, after Trump's tweet, Navy Secretary Richard Spencer rescinded the awards. As secretary, he has that authority, Dorsey said.

The move appeared to be a highly unusual presidential intervention in a case Trump had personally championed and drew immediate condemnation. Former Pentagon spokesman David Lapan, a retired Marine colonel, said the move represented the "further politicization of our military" and was a "ludicrous" move "in the face of so many more important and pressing personnel issues."

The military publication Task & Purpose first reported that, after Gallagher was found not guilty, members of the U.S. government team that prosecuted him were awarded medals for their "superb results" and "expert litigation."

Ten awards were given out earlier in July to members of the team and people associated with the case by the Navy's Region Southwest Legal Service Office in San Diego, seven Navy achievement medals and three letters of accommodations.

Trump in his tweets complained that the prosecutors not only lost their case, but also "had difficulty with respect...to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers and for giving immunity in a totally incompetent fashion."

Gallagher's trial came after a judge removed the lead prosecutor over a bungled effort that used software to track emails sent to defense lawyers in order to find the source of leaks to the media.

The judge determined the effort violated Gallagher's constitutional rights and, before the case went to trial, reduced the maximum possible punishment for the murder charge from life in prison without parole to the possibility of parole.

Defense lawyers had argued that Gallagher was framed by junior disgruntled platoon members who fabricated the allegations to oust their chief. The prosecution said Gallagher was incriminated by his own text messages and photos, including one of him holding the dead militant up by the hair and clutching a knife in his other hand. Several SEALs testified that Gallagher stabbed the militant, including two who said they saw Gallagher plunge the knife into his neck.

In the end, the jury of five Marines and two sailors — all war zone veterans — acquitted Gallagher of murder, attempted murder and other charges in the killing of the Islamic State captive and shootings of civilians in Iraq in 2017 — dealing a major blow to one of the Navy's most high-profile war crimes cases.

He was convicted of a single count of posing with a human casualty and given the maximum sentence of four months' confinement for the offense.

Gallagher will serve no jail time because he spent nearly nine months in pre-trial custody. The jury also called for his rank to be reduced, hurting his benefits just as the 19-year veteran prepares to retire.

His lawyers say they will fight the sentencing.

--Associated Press writers Lolita C. Baldor in Washington and Julie Watson in San Diego contributed to this report

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SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

18. U.S. Says It Killed Bin Laden Son Who Was Groomed to Lead Al Qaeda

New York Times, Aug. 1, Pg. A8 | Julian E. Barnes, Adam Goldman and Eric Schmitt

WASHINGTON -- Osama bin Laden's son Hamza bin Laden, who was viewed as an eventual heir to the leadership of Al Qaeda and had repeatedly threatened to attack the United States, is dead, according to two American officials.

Details of the strike that killed him were scarce, including when and where. The United States government played a role in the operation, but it was not clear how, according to the officials, who discussed his death on the condition of anonymity because it involved sensitive operations and intelligence gathering.

Mr. bin Laden was killed sometime during the first two years of the Trump administration, officials said. He was killed before the State Department announced a \$1 million reward for information about his whereabouts in February, but American military and intelligence agencies had not confirmed his death by then.

Though Mr. bin Laden carried a prominent name and lineage, the news of his death represented more of a symbolic victory for the American government than the removal of a threat. Al Qaeda has not carried out a large-scale attack in years, and though Mr. bin Laden was being groomed to eventually take over the group, that time appeared to be well into the future.

Ali Soufan, a former F.B.I. agent who investigated and has written extensively about Al Qaeda, including a lengthy profile of Hamza bin Laden published in 2017, sounded a note of caution because it is unusual for Al Qaeda not to announce the death of a leader and celebrate him as a martyr. But if the American government's assessment is accurate, he said, "it significantly damages Al Qaeda's plans for moving to the second generation."

Unlike other Qaeda leaders, Mr. bin Laden never criticized the Islamic State in his public speeches, Mr. Soufan noted. The tactic suggests that he was holding back so members of the Islamic State, which began as a Qaeda affiliate and shares its ideology but broke away from its control, might have eventually accepted him as leader in any future reunification.

After the 2011 death of Osama bin Laden in a SEAL Team 6 raid in Abbottabad, Pakistan, two of his top lieutenants began preparing Hamza bin Laden for a top leadership role. He married a daughter of one of them and pledged to avenge his father's death.

Mr. bin Laden was introduced as a voice of Al Qaeda in August 2015 as "a young lion to carry forth the cause." The regular messages that Al Qaeda released from Mr. bin Laden stopped months ago, although an article attributed to him was published in May.

Al Qaeda distributed a letter in December 2017, dated from the previous summer, in which Hamza bin Laden said his 12-year-old son had been killed, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which tracks terrorist organizations. The letter did not talk about the circumstances of the death, but made reference to martyrdom, suggesting the boy may have been killed in a strike targeting his father.

Mr. bin Laden was likely operating on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, said Thomas Joscelyn, a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

While Mr. Joscelyn said he doubted that Mr. bin Laden was next in line to lead Al Qaeda, he said he had an important role, both in terms of ties to the Taliban and as a spokesman.

"They were building him up to potentially be the No. 1 someday; he was not thought of as the heir apparent today," Mr. Joscelyn said.

Omar bin Laden, another son of the Qaeda founder, has maintained that the group had used Hamza bin Laden for his name and potentially manipulated him into becoming its face, said Jean Sasson, the co-author of "Growing up bin Laden."

President Trump was asked on Wednesday about the death, first reported by NBC News, but he declined to comment.

The location of Mr. bin Laden had been the subject of public speculation. After the Sept. 11 attacks, he and other members of Al Qaeda fled to Iran, where they were detained. He was eventually allowed to leave Iran, then reportedly moved with his family to the Pakistan border region. At one point, intelligence showed that he had traveled to Syria in the past several years, former officials have said.

The C.I.A. has devastated Al Qaeda, relentlessly targeting its operatives after Sept. 11. The agency killed another son, Saad bin Laden, in a drone strike in 2009 while he was operating in a remote area of Pakistan. Another son, Khalid, was killed in the 2011 Abbottabad raid.

The C.I.A. continues to hunt for Ayman al-Zawahri, who assumed the Qaeda leadership mantle after Osama bin Laden's death. Former intelligence officials said the agency undertook a sophisticated effort in 2012 and 2013 to determine whether he was living in a village in Pakistan's troubled North Waziristan region. Agency operatives had high confidence they had found Mr. al-Zawahri but were never able to identify his exact location within the village, one former official said.

Mr. bin Laden appears to have worked closely with Mr. al-Zawahri, especially in maintaining ties to the Taliban in Afghanistan and shaping the organization's message.

"If in fact he is dead, this makes the ranks of Al Qaeda's senior leadership that much thinner and the connection to Osama bin Laden even more attenuated," said Nicholas J. Rasmussen, a former director of the National Counterterrorism Center.

Even had he taken over for his father to lead Al Qaeda, Hamza bin Laden would have faced challenges as an untested leader. But his famous name would have been a boon to the terrorist organization.

"This hurts the Al Qaeda brand," said Colin P. Clarke, a senior fellow at the Soufan Center, a research organization for global security issues. "Even though he was unproven and untested, that name still means a lot to young jihadis."

Other key members of the organization remain alive, including Saif al-Adel and Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah, who are wanted by the F.B.I. in the bombings of two United States embassies in East Africa in 1998. They are thought to be in Iran.

Mr. bin Laden's time in Iranian custody has been the subject of controversy, and the presence of Qaeda members in Iran prompted questions about what the Iranian government was doing with them. Iran is dominated by Shiite Muslims, whom the hard-line Sunnis of Al Qaeda see as heretics.

At times when the Qaeda officials were out of detention, Iran allowed them to stay to ward off potential attacks from Al Qaeda, said Bruce Hoffman, a professor at Georgetown University and a terrorism expert. Both Iran and Al Qaeda also have the United States as a common enemy.

"It's a marriage of convenience," Mr. Hoffman said. Anything that Iran can do to "keep the United States off balance," he said, "they'll do it."

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other American officials have stressed ties between Al Qaeda and Iran in recent briefings to Congress. Concerned members of Congress from both parties have said administration officials are trying to lay the legal groundwork for potential military action against Iran by arguing that the 2001 authorization of war against Al Qaeda or any of its allies would allow the United States to attack Iran.

--Charlie Savage and Edward Wong contributed reporting

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19. Afghan Troops Are Shorthanded as U.S. Pursues Peace Agreement

Bloomberg News, July 31 | Glen Carey

Afghanistan's army remains seriously shorthanded, a Pentagon watchdog found, as the Trump administration tries to negotiate a peace agreement with the Taliban enemies of the government in Kabul.

The Afghan army, air force and national police were almost 79,535 people short of their target of 352,000 personnel in the quarter ending in May, according to a report issued late Wednesday by the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, or SIGAR.

The shortfall may be worse, the watchdog office indicated: It continues to investigate evidence that payrolls are inflated by “ghost” police who have resigned, been fired or died, with their salaries diverted and “shared among conspirators.”

John Sopko, the inspector general, said this week that the Afghan military’s challenges won’t evaporate if the U.S. achieves its goal of a peace accord with the Taliban so that American and allied forces can withdraw.

“If we sign peace, all of a sudden you think the narcotics problem disappears, the corruption problem disappears, the economic problem in Afghanistan disappears, the security problem disappears? No,” Sopko said in remarks Monday at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Taliban Escalation

The Taliban have escalated attacks as the group seeks leverage in the peace talks with the U.S.

There were 6,445 enemy initiated attacks from March 1 to May 31, representing a 9% increase from the preceding three months but a 10% decline from the same period last year, the SIGAR report found. About 43% of the attacks were effective and resulted in Afghan military, coalition or civilian casualties, the report said.

Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. envoy for Afghan reconciliation, is seeking an agreement providing for the gradual withdrawal of U.S. and allied forces if the Taliban provide assurances that terrorist groups such as Islamic State and al-Qaeda aren’t permitted to stage attacks from Afghan territory. Such a deal could come by early September.

The Taliban, ousted when U.S. troops arrived in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, have refused so far to hold direct talks with the Afghan government. The Trump administration has said that’s a requirement before any deal is made final.

Trump’s Expectations

There’s “no deadline” for withdrawal from Afghanistan, Secretary of State Michael Pompeo told reporters Tuesday, amending a comment the previous day in which he agreed with a questioner that President Donald Trump expects to see U.S. forces coming home before the 2020 election.

“The president has been very direct about his expectations that we will reduce our operational footprint on the ground in Afghanistan just as quickly as we can get there, consistent with his other mission set, which is to ensure that we have an adequate risk reduction plan for making sure that there is not terror that’s conducted from Afghanistan as well,” Pompeo said en route to a regional conference in Bangkok.

Sopko said in his remarks this week that the “poor Afghans deserve” a peace agreement but “you still are going to need a security force because the Taliban aren’t monolithic, as we know.”

“And you got ISIS, and you got unruly warlords and gangs and other threats,” he said. “You need a functioning police and a functioning military.”

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20. Afghanistan names team to talk to Taliban, expecting swift U.S. deal to leave

Reuters, July 31 | Rupam Jain and Abdul Qadir Sediqi

KABUL -- The Afghan government named a team on Wednesday to negotiate directly with the Taliban, in the expectation that Washington was on the cusp of agreeing to withdraw troops after 18 years of war, meeting the insurgents' precondition for talks with Kabul.

The U.S. special representative for Afghanistan peace talks, Zalmay Khalilzad, tweeted that he was on his way to negotiation venue Qatar, ready to close a deal to end the war that began in 2001 after the September 11 attacks on the United States.

"I'm off to Doha, with a stop in Islamabad. In Doha, if the Taliban do their part, we will do ours, and conclude the agreement we have been working on," Khalilzad said.

Suhail Shaheen, a spokesman for Taliban's political office in Doha said: "We have completed consultations with our leaders regarding the talks with the U.S, now we are ready and waiting for him (Khalilzad) to restart the talks."

Khalilzad, an Afghan-born veteran American diplomat, was appointed last year to negotiate a political settlement with the Taliban, who now control more territory than at any point since the United States bombed them out of power in 2001.

They have said they will not talk with the Afghan government about the future of the country until Washington agrees to withdraw its troops.

Khalilzad has been in Kabul, where he met President Ashraf Ghani, top security officials, senior opposition leaders, diplomats and civil society members to discuss the peace process before striking a deal with the Taliban.

"Wrapping up my most productive visit to Afghanistan since I took this job as Special Rep. The U.S. and Afghanistan have agreed on next steps," he said on Twitter.

Two sources with knowledge of the talks said they could conclude with an agreement on the withdrawal of foreign forces in exchange for security guarantees by the Taliban.

Afghanistan's ministry of peace appointed a 15-member delegation on Wednesday to negotiate with the Taliban. An official at the ministry said Norway could be the venue for intra-Afghan talks.

About 20,000 foreign troops, most of them American, are now in Afghanistan as part of a U.S.-led NATO mission to train, assist and advise Afghan forces. Some U.S. forces carry out counter-terrorism operations. President Donald Trump has announced his aim to end the war.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said some senior members of its negotiating team were traveling to the Indonesian capital Jakarta, and talks with U.S. officials would resume after they returned to Doha. "I can't say when the talks with the United States will start," he said.

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Many Afghans fear a U.S. troop withdrawal announcement will weaken their bargaining power with the hardline Islamist group, which aims to re-establish an Islamic emirate to replace an elected government it dismisses as puppets of foreign forces.

Women's rights groups in particular worry about the fate of women and girls in the event of a return of the Taliban, who banned girls' education and imposed severe restrictions on women's rights to work outside the home.

Last week the Taliban said talks with the Afghan government would come only after a deal had been struck with the United States on the departure of its forces.

At the peak of the conflict nearly a decade ago, the United States had 100,000 troops in Afghanistan leading a 130,000-strong international force to prevent the Taliban from returning to power. More than 3,400 foreign troops died there, including more than 2,300 Americans.

The United Nations has tallied the deaths of more than 33,000 civilians in the war since 2009, including 1,300 in the first six months of this year. Tens of thousands of members of the Afghan security forces and an unknown number of insurgents have also died in the conflict.

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21. The Air Force is ramping up its airstrikes in Somalia

Air Force Times Online, July 31 | Stephen Losey

The Air Force has already carried out as many airstrikes in Somalia in the first seven months of 2019 as it did in all of 2018.

In an email Monday, Col. Chris Karns, a spokesman for United States Africa Command, said that a July 27 airstrike in Somalia brought the total number of airstrikes in the African nation to 47, the same as 2018's total.

"The 47 for 2019 are all in support of the Federal Government of Somalia," Karns said. "It is imperative that pressure is maintained on violent extremist organizations to create conditions for further political and economic development in Africa."

In a Sunday release, AFRICOM said the July 27 airstrike targeted suspected Islamic State militants in the Golis Mountain region of Somalia, which the command said is known for terrorist activity.

AFRICOM said one suspected ISIS member who played a key role in the group was killed, but that no civilians were believed to have been injured or killed.

Karns said the airstrikes are helping create opportunity for the Somali government's efforts to reach citizens and develop the country's economy.

The strikes create organizational confusion in terror groups such as Al Shabab and remind its members that "they will be persistently and relentlessly pursued and where necessary, permanently stopped," he said. Karns also said airstrikes are just one part of the strategy to fight terrorists. The U.S. military and other international partners are working with Somalis to strengthen the nation's defense capabilities and institutions, and create opportunities for economic development, to undercut terrorist groups' ability to disrupt Somalia.

"The old narratives of the past aren't indicative of Somalia's future or where it stands today," Karns said. "Education and economic opportunities are key to ultimately defeating and eroding the influence of groups like Al Shabaab. However, effective security underpins both."

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22. Nigeria Secretly Buries War Dead To Mask Toll

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A18 | Joe Parkinson

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria -- At the northern edge of this city's military base, a vast field of churned soil conceals the hidden toll of a deadly offensive by the allies of Islamic State.

After dark, the bodies of soldiers are covertly transported from a mortuary that at times gets so crowded the corpses are delivered by truck, according to Nigerian soldiers, diplomats and a senior government official. The bodies are laid by flashlight into trenches dug by infantrymen or local villagers paid a few dollars per shift.

"Several of my comrades were buried in unmarked graves at night," said a soldier from the Maimalari barracks, where more than 1,000 soldiers are based. "They are dying and being deleted from history."

The secret graveyard isn't the only one in Nigeria's troubled northeast, the senior government official said.

The burials convey a picture at odds with a war Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, a former general, has repeatedly claimed his army has won.

The reality is that Africa's largest land force -- a U.S. counterterrorism ally -- is struggling against an insurgency that first flared a decade ago and is now rejuvenated by Islamic State and the return of fighters from Libya, Syria and Iraq.

The insurgents control hundreds of square miles of territory across four countries around the Lake Chad basin, a crossroads of Africa where the U.S., U.K. and French militaries have bases or provide special-forces training. On Sunday, gunmen attacked a funeral on the outskirts of Maiduguri, killing at least 65 people, according to government officials.

"This group is one of the most effective, if not the most effective Islamic State contingent at the moment," said Site Intelligence, a terrorism-monitoring group.

Nigeria's government last summer stopped reporting the deaths of soldiers in its fight with Boko Haram insurgents and a splinter group that calls itself Islamic State West Africa Province, or ISWAP. Mr. Buhari was re-elected in February after a security-focused campaign in which he repeated that the Islamist insurgencies in Nigeria had been "technically defeated."

But the sprawling secret graveyard in Maiduguri and an official cemetery at the base, the operational command for the northeastern front in Borno State, now hold the bodies of at least 1,000 soldiers killed

since the terror groups began an offensive last summer, according to soldiers and military officials -- some of whom estimated a far higher death toll.

The Nigerian military and the presidency didn't respond to requests for comment on the war, casualties and the secret cemeteries.

In November, Mercy Tamuno was told her husband, Adah, had been killed in an insurgent attack on an outpost in Cross Kauwa, a town about 100 miles north of Maiduguri. When she demanded to see where he was buried, she was taken to the official cemetery at Maimalari, where graves are marked with plywood headstones. There she was led to a spot marked with a plastic bottle with her husband's name written on it.

"It was the only one marked in this way. I'm not sure it was his grave but that's what the army told me," Mrs. Tamuno said.

Two soldiers from Lance Cpl. Tamuno's unit said he had been buried days earlier in the secret graveyard. The plastic bottle was prepared to appease his wife, they said.

"We know he was buried in the unmarked grave. There was no funeral," one said.

As the secret cemetery at the Maimalari barracks grows, the military has expanded the site into neighboring fields. "The farmland has been fenced off so they can bury the forces," said Sarah James, a 50-year-old farmer whose husband is a retired soldier.

Official secrecy and a weak economy have left Nigerian soldiers poorly equipped to fight. Soldiers who would ordinarily rotate out every few months have been on active operations for years. Morale is collapsing and discipline beginning to fray, soldiers said.

Western military officials say the Nigerian army is stretched so thin that its top brass are no longer talking seriously about defeating the insurgency, merely containing it.

In a video released by Islamic State in June, insurgents pose in front of seized tanks, armored personnel carriers and naval vessels, and warn government forces to repent "before we catch you." The video shows militants killing four Nigerian soldiers by firing squad and another by rocket-propelled grenade.

Soldiers are barred from speaking to the media and some unit commanders don't report deaths to preserve their scant budget allocations, soldiers and diplomats said. But news is starting to leak out. After an attack in November on the army base in Metele, on the border with Niger and Chad, a video circulated among soldiers showing the aftermath. Over images of smoldering tanks and armored vehicles, a narrator laments the quality of military equipment the base was given.

"See the weapons they bring here. These are not working," he says. "No less than 100-plus soldiers died here. Many are missing in action, they are nowhere to be found."

Nigeria's military initially refused to comment on the attack. After questions from the senate, the military said 23 soldiers had been killed. It said false casualty figures and the sharing of inaccurate videos were boosting the "propaganda intent of the terrorists."

When Timothy Olanrewaju, a journalist based in Maiduguri, couldn't reach his brother, Sgt. Samuel Olanrewaju, for four months, commanders repeatedly assured him that his brother was well, stationed in a sensitive combat zone.

Mr. Olanrewaju learned of his brother's fate when Islamic State published a video that showed his execution. Several hours later, he was still in shock, slumped on a mattress in his living room, struggling for words. "I couldn't believe my eyes," he said. "Why didn't they tell me the truth?"

The military's secrecy about casualties is so widespread it is unclear whether Nigeria's political leaders are aware of the state of the conflict.

When President Buhari visited the Maiduguri base in November, commanders rushed to bury bodies that had collected at the morgue from the recent attack on the base in Metele and several others, according to several soldiers at the base. They moved the bodies from the morgue into the unmarked graves under cover of darkness.

Mr. Buhari delivered a rousing address to the soldiers. "Please maintain your loyalty to the country," he said.

--Gbenga Akingbule contributed to this article

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23. Kim Calls New Rocket 'Inescapable' To Enemies

New York Times, Aug. 1, Pg. A9 | Choe Sang-Hun

SEOUL, South Korea -- North Korea said on Thursday that its leader, Kim Jong-un, attended the testing of a new type of large-caliber, multiple-launch, guided rocket system that could expand the North's ability to strike South Korea and the American forces stationed there.

North Korea said the test-firing of its newly developed rocket system took place on Wednesday, the same day South Korea said the North launched two short-range ballistic missiles that flew 155 miles off its east coast.

It was unclear whether South Korea failed to distinguish large-caliber rockets from ballistic missiles or if the rockets were launched as part of a weapons test that also included ballistic missiles.

In recent years, as the rockets fired by North Korea from multiple-launch tubes flew higher and longer, they have occasionally been mistaken for ballistic missiles.

After watching the test-firing of the newly developed rocket system, Mr. Kim said "it would be an inescapable distress to the forces becoming a fat target of the weapon," the North's official Korean Central News Agency said on Thursday.

The North said the new rocket system was developed as part of the country's efforts to modernize its military. Analysts in the region said North Korea has also resumed its short-range weapons tests in recent weeks to put pressure on the United States amid stalled efforts to resume denuclearization talks between the two nations.

The new rocket system has "great strategic significance" for North Korea, Mr. Kim was quoted as saying by the North Korean news agency.

Although the North's short-range multiple rocket launchers do not represent the kind of threat that its nuclear ballistic missiles do, South Korean and United States military planners have long feared them because of their ability to rain down thousands of rockets on Seoul, the South's capital city with 10 million people, in the first several minutes of a war.

In recent years, North Korea has tested and deployed a 300-millimeter multiple-rocket launcher system believed to have a range long enough to strike major South Korean and American military bases, including the newly built American military hub base in Pyeongtaek, 40 miles south of Seoul.

North Korea has also been adding a guiding function to its large-caliber rockets to increase their ability to hit targets with precision, South Korean defense officials said.

For decades, North Korea has had thousands of multiple-tube rocket launchers near the border with South Korea, the world's most heavily armed frontier. Such tubes are cheaper to deploy than ballistic missiles and enable North Korea to fire far more projectiles in a short time span, South Korean officials said.

Before its development of nuclear warheads, the North's frequent threats to turn Seoul into a "sea of fire" were seen as references to thousands of such launchers and artillery pieces also deployed near the inter-Korean border. The North launched an artillery attack on a South Korean border island in 2010, killing four South Koreans.

Multiple-tube rocket launchers have long been a feature of military parades in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital. Propaganda video footage from the North also often includes such launchers spewing hundreds of rockets simultaneously in a cloud of fire and smoke.

Also on Thursday, South Korea said a North Korean soldier had defected to the South. The man was found crossing a river that formed part of the western inter-Korean border shortly before midnight Wednesday, the South's military said.

Defections from the heavily guarded inter-Korean border are rare, although more than 30,000 North Koreans have fled to the South through China since a famine hit the North in the mid-1990s.

Despite three summit meetings between Mr. Kim and President Moon Jae-in of South Korea last year, inter-Korean relations have rapidly soured this year. North Korea said its missile test last week was a warning to South Korea. But President Trump said he was not upset by the North Korean test because it involved "short-range missiles and very standard missiles."

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NOTABLE COMMENTARY

24. Pillars of nuclear arms control are teetering

Collapse of the INF treaty could be followed by the expiry of New Start

Financial Times (UK), Aug. 1, Pg. 10 | Editorial

Barring a miraculous turnaround, a key pillar of the cold war-era nuclear arms control architecture will tumble this week. First the US then Russia suspended participation this year in the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, which banned missiles with a range of 500km-5500km, over Washington and Nato's claims that Moscow has developed missiles breaching the agreement. Unless Russia destroys those missiles by August 2, the US is set to terminate the treaty. This is not just highly dangerous for European security. It is a further step in the unravelling of arms control and rekindling of the nuclear arms race.

More than 40 years of talks between the US and Moscow produced nine significant treaties and agreements to limit and then reduce nuclear weapons. The demise of the INF treaty follows the US withdrawal in 2002 from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty so it could develop a missile defence system to counter rockets from "rogue" states such as Iran and North Korea.

Another, bigger, pillar is now teetering. The New Start treaty on reducing strategic nuclear warheads, signed by then US and Russian presidents Barack Obama and Dmitry Medvedev in 2010, will expire

in 2021. Though the treaty terms allow it to be extended to 2026, the Trump administration has dragged its feet on doing so.

There are, to be sure, potential reasons for a new approach to arms control. There are no longer two nuclear powers, but nine — including today's biggest threat to US dominance, China. Washington has signalled it wants to bring Beijing into future agreements.

The march of technology has also blurred boundaries between strategic and tactical nuclear weapons, and between nuclear and conventional arms. New weapons such as hypersonic missiles, or non-nuclear cruise missiles that can destroy nuclear sites, were not foreseen in earlier agreements.

A US desire to bring China into talks is understandable. But some US allies fear Mr Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, sees arms treaties as unnecessary constraints and would happily see New Start lapse — and that the China talk is a ruse. Beijing has made clear it has no intention to join an arms agreement. With only an estimated 250-260 warheads — against the thousands still possessed by Moscow and Washington — Beijing has little incentive to engage in talks that would force it to submit to transparency verification measures. Disclosing the locations of its limited nuclear armoury would blunt its effectiveness.

The demise of New Start, after the INF deal, would not just remove constraints on a new arms race but leave the two big nuclear powers for the first time in decades without the ability to verify each other's weapons. After Mr Trump's withdrawal from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, it would also send a dangerous signal to existing and aspiring nuclear weapons states. If the biggest atomic powers see no need to submit to controls, or honour nuclear deals with third countries, why should they?

It may now be too late to rescue the INF deal. But Washington should engage rapidly with Moscow on renewing New Start. The best way of persuading China and others to submit to nuclear rules is for the original and biggest powers to show they are prepared to do so. US-Russian engagement would also provide a more supportive backdrop to next year's five-yearly review conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the agreement that is at the core of efforts to prevent the spread of atomic arms. A new US-Russia arms race would be bad enough. A global nuclear free-for-all would be even worse.

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25. It's Absurd To Ask China To Disarm

Russia and the U.S. have more than 12,000 nuclear weapons between them. We have fewer than 300

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, Pg. A17 | Zhou Bo

The Chinese government sent Vice Premier Liu He to the U.S. in April with a brief to settle the tariff war between Beijing and Washington. But during an Oval Office news conference to address the progress of trade negotiations, President Trump abruptly changed the subject: "Between Russia and China and us, we're all making hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of weapons, including nuclear, which is ridiculous." Mr. Trump has since ordered his administration to prepare a push for new arms-control agreements with Russia and China.

If Mr. Liu was surprised by the pivot from trade to arms control, he wasn't alone. To Chinese ears, Mr. Trump's claims make no sense. Between them, the U.S. and Russia possess 90% of the world's nuclear weapons. China has fewer nuclear warheads (290) than France (300), according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

No wonder China's Ministry of National Defense essentially laughed at the idea of a three-way deal on arms control involving the U.S. and Russia. For such an agreement to work, either the U.S. and Russia would need to bring their nuclear arsenals down to China's level, or China would need to increase the size of its arsenal drastically. Neither scenario is realistic.

At the moment, the Trump administration is building up U.S. nuclear capability, developing low-yield warheads for submarine-launched ballistic missiles and tactical nukes for use in battlefield situations. Russian President Vladimir Putin announced in March 2018 that Moscow is developing a nuclear-powered cruise missile with "unlimited range and unlimited ability to maneuver."

Since China has pledged no first use of nuclear weapons and only seeks a small and effective deterrent force, it has to keep a larger arsenal of ground-based intermediate-range missiles for strategic equilibrium with other nuclear powers. In other words, if China reduces the number of its ground-based intermediate-range missiles, most of which are subject to the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, it has to increase its nuclear-strike capabilities massively. Which is the "lesser evil" for the West?

China is no stranger to nuclear disarmament. In 1994 China presented a draft of a no-first-use policy to France, Russia, the U.S. and the U.K. -- the four other countries in the nuclear club at the time. After India and Pakistan conducted nuclear tests in 1998, China and the U.S. agreed to point their nuclear missiles away from one another. Other nuclear powers followed suit in 2000.

Do we really need another ineffective nuclear-disarmament treaty, as Mr. Trump suggested? The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons only recognizes the nuclear powers that conducted

tests before January 1967. It hasn't prevented India, Israel and Pakistan -- not to mention North Korea -- from becoming de facto nuclear states. The 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons understandably reflects frustration over "the slow pace of nuclear disarmament," but it probably won't come into effect. So far only 23 nations have ratified the treaty, which requires 50 to go into force. Ironically, Japan refuses to join. The only country to have suffered a nuclear attack claims to see no use in the treaty.

Washington and Moscow need to take the lead on this issue and reduce the size of their nuclear arsenals if they want to live in a world with fewer weapons. The prospect of this happening appears remote. The U.S. is set to withdraw from the INF treaty on Aug. 2. North Korea refuses to make even superficial concessions without the promise of an economic payoff, and if Iran decides to go for a bomb, Saudi Arabia will follow. Dominoes in Egypt and Turkey would likely fall after that.

The number of nuclear warheads in the world has fallen from about 65,000 at the peak of the Cold War in the mid-1960s to 13,865 at the start of 2019. That's progress but it didn't happen by accident. It required brave leaders to make smart decisions.

--Mr. Zhou is a senior colonel in China's People's Liberation Army and an honorary fellow of the PLA Academy of Military Science

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TWEETS OF NOTE

Twitter, July 31 - Aug. 1

President Trump, @realDonaldTrump: "The Prosecutors who lost the case against SEAL Eddie Gallagher (who I released from solitary confinement so he could fight his case properly), were ridiculously given a Navy Achievement Medal. Not only did they lose the case, they had difficulty with respect...." (7/31, 1558)

President Trump, @realDonaldTrump: "....to information that may have been obtained from opposing lawyers and for giving immunity in a totally incompetent fashion. I have directed the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer & Chief of Naval Operations John Richardson to immediately withdraw and rescind the awards...." (7/31, 1558)

President Trump, @realDonaldTrump: "....I am very happy for Eddie Gallagher and his family!" (7/31, 1559)

Vice President Pence, @VP: “Congratulations to the new @USUN Ambassador Kelly Craft! I look forward to seeing all of the great work Kelly will continue to do as a representative of the US. Thank you for answering the call to serve!” (7/31, 2037)

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, @SecPompeo: “While in Bangkok, I had an in-depth exchange of views with Chinese State Councilor Wang Yi on U.S.-China relations and North Korea, among other important topics of mutual concern. When it advances U.S. interests, we are ready to cooperate with China.” (8/1, 0355)

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, @SecPompeo: “Delighted that Kelly Craft was confirmed today to serve as U.S. Ambassador to @USUN. She served with distinction as @USAmbCanada and will do the same in New York to advance the safety, security, and values of the American people.” (8/1, 0007)

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, @SecPompeo: “Recently, President @realDonaldTrump sanctioned Iran’s Supreme Leader, who enriched himself at the expense of the Iranian people. Today, the U.S. designated his chief apologist @JZarif. He’s just as complicit in the regime’s outlaw behavior as the rest of @khamenei_ir’s mafia.” (7/31, 1645)

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, @SecPompeo: “Thrilled to be back in Thailand for the U.S.-ASEAN Ministerial. #ASEAN remains at the heart of our #IndoPacific vision. Our shared principles of openness, transparency, and inclusivity are the foundation of our deep and enduring relationship. @ASEAN2019TH” (7/31, 1426)

U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton, @AmbJohnBolton: “Maduro and his remaining cronies should take the offer of an exit before the door closes.” (7/31, 2212)

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), @LindseyGrahamSC: “I fully support the Trump Administration’s decision to sanction Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif and designate him a supporter of terrorism – because he is.” (7/31, 1816)

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), @LindseyGrahamSC: “He is the face and voice of the leading state-sponsor of terrorism on the planet. He should be labeled based on who and what he is -- not the image he seeks to project.” (7/31, 1816)

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK), @JimInhofe: “President Erdogan knows the consequences of its decision to purchase the S-400 from Putin – we made it abundantly clear. @realDonaldTrump made the right decision to remove Turkey from F-35 program, and I look forward to the next steps on CAATSA sanctions.” (7/31, 1701)

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK), @JimInhofe: “Last night, the Senate unanimously voted to confirm David Norquist as Deputy Secretary of Defense at @DeptofDefense. This is great news — David is the right man for the job.” (7/31, 1233)

Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL), @RepMichaelWaltz: “100% agree. The Cuban regime has thousands of intelligence officers protecting #Maduro and fueling his corruption.” (7/31, 1359)

U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad, @US4AfghanPeace: “Wrapping up my most productive visit to #Afghanistan since I took this job as Special Rep. The US and Afghanistan have agreed on next steps. And a negotiating team and technical support group are being finalized.” (7/31, 0737)

U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad, @US4AfghanPeace: “I’m off to Doha, with a stop in Islamabad. In Doha, if the Taliban do their part, we will do ours, and conclude the agreement we have been working on.” (7/31, 0734)

Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, @JZarif: “We know that calling for dialog & peace is an existential threat to #B_Team. And since reason for designating me is my words, would ‘US persons’ need OFAC license to “engage” with me by reading my writings or listening to interviews? cc: @stevenmnuchin1 cc: @SecPompeo cc: @jack” (7/31, 1923)

Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, @JZarif: “The US’ reason for designating me is that I am Iran’s ‘primary spokesperson around the world’ Is the truth really that painful? It has no effect on me or my family, as I have no property or interests outside of Iran. Thank you for considering me such a huge threat to your agenda.” (7/31, 1643)

Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, @JZarif: “Instead of making empty and disingenuous offers, @SecPompeo can accept any of the many requests from Iranian reporters to interview US officials. He has refused til now, as he knows he has to be accountable to rigorous questioning—the very same way I am by the US media.” (7/31, 1128)

Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, @JZarif: “@SecPompeo will then have to explain why he—and his boss: Call Iran a terrorist nation; Distort historical name of PERSIAN GULF to grovel to client regimes; Distort even the BIBLE to kowtow to a #B_Team member; Employ #EconomicTerrorism against entire Iranian people; and ...” (7/31, 1131)

Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, @JZarif: “Kill 3,000+ Americans but remain a US client and you can have nuclear weapons—even get help in acquiring them. But refuse to bow to #B_Team’s

whims, you can't even possess peaceful nuclear energy. It apparently matters not that 'Iran is killing ISIS' while US' clients arm it." (7/31, 0813)

Russian Embassy in the U.S., @RusEmbUSA: "US President Donald Trump, in phone talks with Vladimir Putin, offered assistance to Moscow in fighting wildfires in Siberia. The Russian president viewed Trump's offer as a sign that fully-fledged bilateral relations could be restored in the future" (7/31, 1827)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, @netanyahu: "An important meeting with Jared Kushner, senior advisor to President Trump; Jason Greenblatt, US envoy to the Middle East; and David Friedman, US ambassador to Israel." (7/31, 1512)

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, @jensstoltenberg: "Great meeting with German defence minister @akk in Brussels to discuss current security challenges, #INF Treaty & burden-sharing. I deeply appreciate your commitment to #NATO and Germany's contributions to our transatlantic Alliance." (7/31, 0908)

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1 Aug 19

From: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command
To: Chief of Staff, Region Legal Service Offices
Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Southwest

Subj: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Encl: (1) SECNAV Memo dtd 31 Jul 19
(2) CNO Memo dtd 31 Jul 19

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D. E. CRANDALL

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2 Aug 19

From: Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Southwest
To: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command
Via: Chief of Staff, Region Legal Service Offices

Subj: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Ref: (a) CNLSC ltr 1650 Ser 001/0105 of 1 Aug 19

Encl: (1) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LT John
(2) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LT McDonald
(3) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO (b) (6)
(4) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO LT Hageman
(5) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO (b) (6)
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(7) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO (b) (6)
(8) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO (b) (6)
(9) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO (b) (6)
(10) Acknowledgment of Award Revocation ICO (b) (6)
(11) (b) (6) (DNS-35) email of 1 Aug 19
(12) (b) (6) (PERS-312) email of 1 Aug 19

1. The actions directed in reference (a) have been completed. Enclosures (1) - (12) pertain.

2. My point of contact for this matter is (b) (6), who may be
reached at (b) (6)

(b) (6)
(b) (6)

M. A. LARREA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 1 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

LT Brian John, JAGC, USN (b) (6)

Name

Signature

1 Aug 19

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 12 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

Scott McDonald

Name

(b) (6)

Signature

1 AUG 19

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I may not use the award issued on 10 Jul 19 and revoked on 31 Jul 19 for any official purpose or enter it into my naval record.

(b)
(6)

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Name

(b) (6)

1 Aug 19

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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LT George Hageman, JAGC, USN

Name

Signature

(b) (6)

1 August 2019

Date

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(b) (6)

Name

Signature

(b) (6)

Date

31 JUL 1 AUG 19

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(b) (6)



Name

Signature

1 Aug 2019

Date

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Name

Signature

Date

1 Aug 19

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(b) (6)



(b) (6)

Name

Signature 

1 AUG 19

Date

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Name

Signature

1 AUG 19
Date

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(b) (6)



Name

Signature

1 AUGUST 2019

Date

(b) (6) USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 12:50 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA); (b) (6)
Subject: RE: (FOUO) revocation of NAMs and LOCs
Signed By: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

None of them are in NDAWS.

v/r

(b) (6)

Deputy, CNO Awards Branch (DNS-35)
Chief of Naval Operations

(b) (6)

***EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE SEND ALL NDAWS ACCESS REQUESTS AND AWARD INQUIRIES TO OUR GROUP
EMAIL ADDRESS AT cno_awards.fct@navy.mil***

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 3:11 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA); (b) (6); (b) (6)
Subject: (FOUO) revocation of NAMs and LOCs
Importance: High

Sir,

I need to obtain written confirmation (e-mail will suffice) from DNS 35 that the revoked NAMs and LOCs have not been entered into NDAWS or have been removed from NDAWS if previously entered. The attachment provides additional information regarding the awards. Paragraph 1.a. of the CNLSC letter (Page 3 of attachment) specifically directs RLSO SW to obtain written confirmation from DNS 35.

Thank you for your assistance and please let me know if you need any additional information from me.

V/R

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:37 AM

To: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: (FOUO) revocation of NAMs and LOCs

Captain,

The POC at PERS 312 is (b) (6).

POC at DNS-35 is (b) (6)

I clarify that I have spoken to both and they have completed the action they had.

V/r

(b) (6)

President, Navy Department Board of Decorations & Medals

(b) (6)

From: Larrea, Margaret Ann (Meg) CAPT USN RLSO SW SAN CA (USA) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 2:21 PM

To: (b) (6)

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Thanks so much.

V/R

CAPT Larrea

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To: (b) (6)
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Signed By: (b) (6)
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

(b) (6)

I personally checked the OMPFs and the decorations had not been filed the records yet.

v/r

(b) (6)
Director, Records Management and Benefits Div (PERS-31)
Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) Records Manager
Navy Personnel Command

(b) (6)

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2 Aug 19

From: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Ref: (a) CNO Memo dtd 31 Jul 19 Ser N00/19U100046

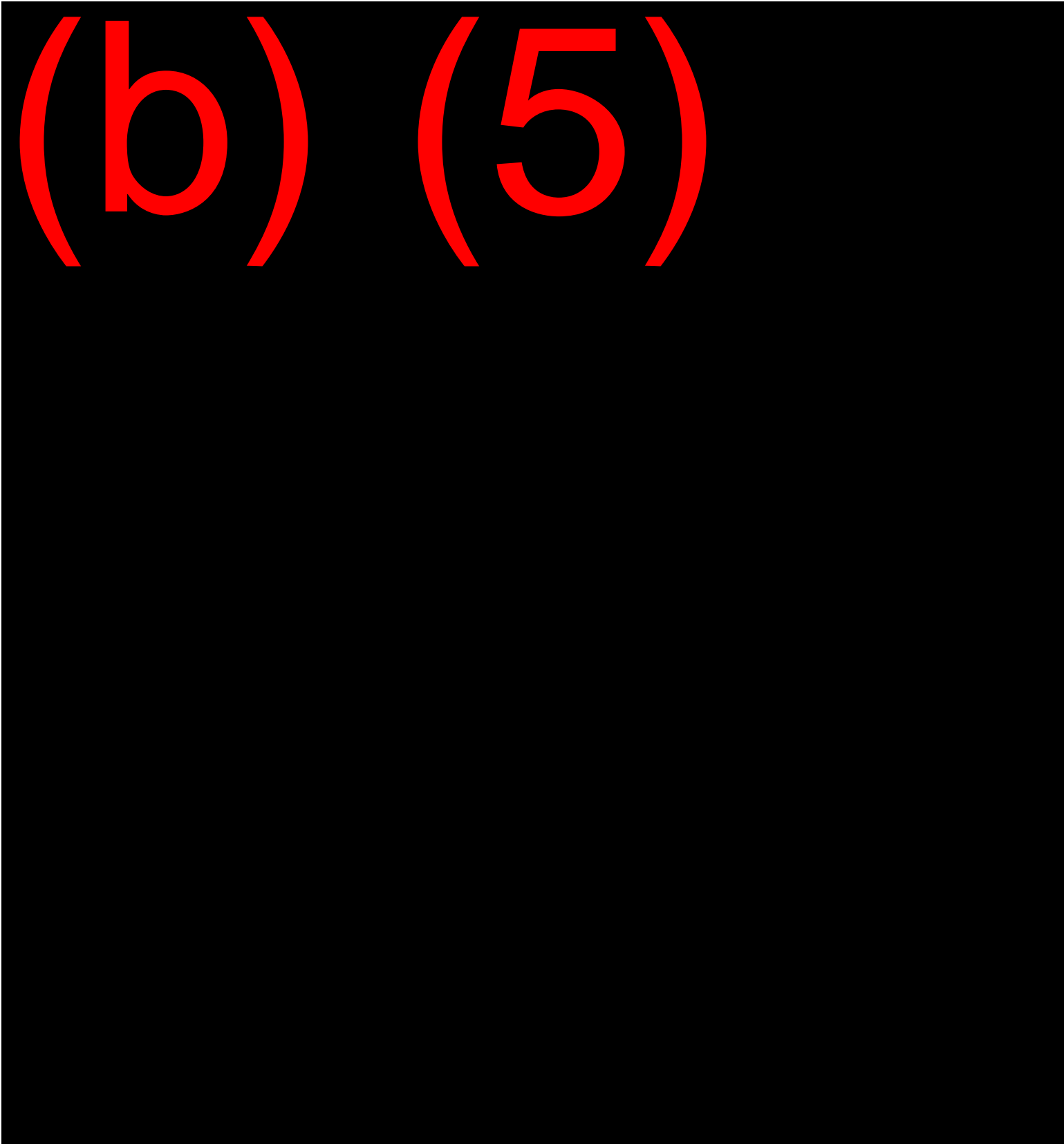
1. Per reference (a), I am reporting completion of revocation.
2. All 10 award recipients returned their revoked awards and acknowledged in writing they will not use them for official purposes. Both DNS-35 and PERS-312 have confirmed that none of these awards are in the members' records.

(b) (6)

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(b) (5)





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1 Aug 19

From: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command
To: Chief of Staff, Region Legal Service Offices
Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Southwest

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(b) (6)

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31 Jul 19

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command

Encl: (1) SECNAV Memo dtd 31 Jul 19

Subj: REVOCATION OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND
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1. Per enclosure (1), the awards presented to the personnel listed are revoked.
2. Report completion of revocation to my point of contact. My point of contact for this matter is

(b) (6)


J. M. RICHARDSON

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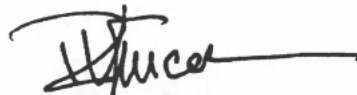
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

JUL 31 2019

SUBJECT: Revocation of Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and Letters of Commendation

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Richard V. Spencer

Attachment:
As stated

cc:
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PERS-312
CO, RLSO SW
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Enclosure (1)

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals Revoked by SECNAV

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Hageman	George	O	LT	USN	Jan 2019	Jul 2019	10 Jul 2019
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(b) (6)			(b) (6)	USN	Jan 2019	Jul 2019	11 Jul 2019
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(b) (6)			(b) (6)	USN	Jan 2019	Jul 2019	10 Jul 2019
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All above awards were originally approved by M. A. Larrea, CAPT, JAGC, USN, Commanding Officer, RLSO Southwest on 10 or 11 July 2019.

Letters of Commendation

LName	FName	MI	Rank/Rating	Service	Merit Start	Merit End	Approved on
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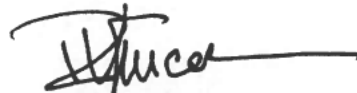
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CHIEF OF STAFF REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICES

Takes pleasure in commending

GUNNER'S MATE THIRD CLASS

⑥⑥

UNITED STATES NAVY

For service as set forth in the following citation:

For outstanding performance of duty while serving as legal clerk during the United States v. Gallagher court-martial from January to July 2019. Petty Officer ⑥⑥ supported the Navy's highest visibility General Court-Martial, a trial that attracted intense national media attention. The case involved charges of premeditated murder and war crimes, amongst other charges. She assisted five Trial Counsel as they tracked and redacted over ⑥⑥ pages of discovery, conducted over 20 witness and expert witness interviews, drafted over 20 subpoenas, contacted 13 potential jury members, and provided courthouse security at three entry control points during a 13-day trial. The effort she put forth in ensuring the integrity of the military justice process and the public's confidence in the military justice system demonstrates her exemplary professionalism and commitment to excellence. Petty Officer ⑥⑥ dedication and steadfast devotion to duty reflected credit upon her and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. As a result, I take great pleasure in commending Petty Officer ⑥⑥ for a job "Well Done"!

⑥⑥
GARY E. SHARP
CAPT, JAGC, U.S. Navy



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Takes pleasure in commending

LEGALMAN SECOND CLASS

(b) (6)

UNITED STATES NAVY

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(b) (6) he assisted five Trial Counsel as the prosecution team tracked and redacted over (b) (6) pages of discovery, conducted over 20 witness and expert witness interviews, drafted over 20 subpoenas, contacted 13 potential jury members, and provided courthouse security at three entry control points during a 13-day trial. The effort he put forth in ensuring the integrity of the military justice process and the public's confidence in the military justice system demonstrates his exemplary professionalism and commitment to excellence. Petty Officer (b) (6) dedication and steadfast devotion to duty reflected credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. As a result, I take great pleasure in commending Petty Officer (b) (6) for a job "Well Done"!

(b) (6)
GARY E. SHARP
CAPT, JAGC, U.S. Navy



CHIEF OF STAFF REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICES

Takes pleasure in commending

SHIPS SERVICEMAN SEAMAN

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UNITED STATES NAVY

For service as set forth in the following citation:

For outstanding performance of duty while serving as legal clerk during the United States v. Gallagher court-martial from January to July 2019. Seaman @@ supported the Navy's highest visibility General Court-Martial, a trial that attracted intense national media attention. The case involved charges of premeditated murder and war crimes, amongst other charges. She assisted Trial Counsel as the prosecution team tracked and redacted over @@ pages of discovery, conducted over 20 witness and expert witness interviews, drafted over 20 subpoenas, contacted 13 potential jury members, and provided courthouse security at three entry control points during a 13-day trial. The effort she put forth in ensuring the integrity of the military justice process and the public's confidence in the military justice system demonstrates her exemplary professionalism and commitment to excellence. Seaman @-@ dedication and steadfast devotion to duty reflected credit upon her and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. As a result, I take great pleasure in commending Seaman @@ for a job "Well Done"!

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GARY E. SHARP
CAPT, JAGC, U.S. Navy



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF FIFTH AWARD
TO
LEGALMAN FIRST CLASS (SURFACE WARFARE) (b) (6)
UNITED STATES NAVY
FOR

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL PARALEGAL AT REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM OCTOBER 2018 TO JULY 2019. PETTY OFFICER (b) (6) PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL LITIGATION SUPPORT TO TRIAL COUNSEL, AND ENERGETICALLY LED SIX SAILORS DURING A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. HE PERSONALLY MANAGED THE TRACKING AND REDACTING OF OVER (b) (6) PAGES OF DISCOVERY, AND ENSURED THAT THERE WERE NO DISCOVERY VIOLATIONS IN THE CASE. FURTHERMORE, PETTY OFFICER (b) (6) SUPPORTED 23 WITNESS INTERVIEWS AND WORKED WITH COUNSEL TO DEVELOP SAVVY DIRECT AND CROSS-EXAMINATION APPROACHES FOR SEVERAL COMPLEX WITNESSES. PETTY OFFICER (b) (6) EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

GIVEN THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2019



(b) (6)

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
M. A. LARREA
CAPTAIN, JAGC, U.S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
TO
LEGALMAN SECOND CLASS (SURFACE WARFARE/AVIATION WARFARE) (b) (6)
UNITED STATES NAVY
FOR

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL PARALEGAL AT REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2019. PETTY OFFICER (b) (6) PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL AND SEAMLESS PRETRIAL LITIGATION AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT DURING A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. LEADING A TEAM OF FOUR SAILORS WORKING OUT OF RATE, SHE MANAGED COMPLEX DISCOVERY FOR OVER (b) (6) PAGES OF DOCUMENTS, AND ADDRESSED DISCREPANCIES IN PREVIOUSLY TURNED-OVER MATERIALS. FURTHERMORE, SHE COORDINATED DOZENS OF WITNESS INTERVIEWS AND MANAGED THE SUBPOENA PROCESS TO ACCOMMODATE MULTIPLE SCHEDULE CHANGES. PETTY OFFICER (b) (6) EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HER AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

GIVEN THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2019



(b) (6)

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
M. A. LARREA
CAPTAIN, JAGC, U.S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF FOURTH AWARD

TO
CHIEF LEGALMAN (SURFACE WARFARE/AVIATION WARFARE) (b) (6)
UNITED STATES NAVY
FOR

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL PARALEGAL AT REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2019. CHIEF (b) (6) PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL AND SEAMLESS PRETRIAL LITIGATION AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT DURING A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. SHE SKILLFULLY MANAGED THE DISCOVERY PROCESS FOR THE NAVY'S HIGHEST PROFILE CASE. SHE ASSISTED IN PREPARING THE MOST CHALLENGING WITNESSES FOR TRIAL, AND COORDINATED THE TRAVEL OF 40 WORLDWIDE WITNESSES. THESE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS WERE IN ADDITION TO HER NORMAL DUTIES AS THE COMMAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT LEADING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER. CHIEF (b) (6) EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HER AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

GIVEN THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2019



(b) (6)

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
M. A. LARREA
CAPTAIN, JAGC, U.S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

TO

LIEUTENANT GEORGE O. HAGEMAN, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

FOR

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL COUNSEL, REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2019. LIEUTENANT HAGEMAN PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL PRETRIAL LITIGATION SUPPORT TO A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. STEPPING IN MID-TRIAL ON SHORT NOTICE TO SERVE AS DETAILED TRIAL COUNSEL, HE DRAFTED RESPONSES TO MULTIPLE COMPLEX DEFENSE MOTIONS RELATING TO SEARCH AND SEIZURE ISSUES AND POTENTIAL DISCOVERY VIOLATIONS. IN THE COURTROOM, HE ADEPTLY LAID EVIDENTIARY FOUNDATIONS AND ASSISTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS-EXAMINATIONS FOR SEVERAL DEFENSE WITNESSES. LIEUTENANT HAGEMAN'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

GIVEN THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2019



(b) (6)

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
M. A. LARREA
CAPTAIN, JAGC, U. S. NAVY.
COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF SECOND AWARD

TO

LIEUTENANT BRIAN P. JOHN, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

FOR

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL COUNSEL, REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM SEPTEMBER 2018 TO JULY 2019. LIEUTENANT JOHN DEMONSTRATED BRILLIANT LEGAL ACUMEN AS THE ASSISTANT TRIAL COUNSEL DURING A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. FROM THE BEGINNING, HE TOOK THE LEAD IN PREPARING THE GOVERNMENT'S MOST CHALLENGING WITNESSES. DUE TO AN UNFORESEEN PERSONNEL CHANGE, HE FLEETED UP TO LEAD COUNSEL ON THE EVE OF TRIAL AND DEMONSTRATED REMARKABLE RESILIENCY AND GRIT THROUGH A THREE-WEEK CONTESTED PROCEEDING. LIEUTENANT JOHN'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

GIVEN THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2019



(b) (6)

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
M. A. LARREA
CAPTAIN, JAGC, U.S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

TO
LIEUTENANT (b) (6) JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY
FOR

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL COUNSEL, REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2019. LIEUTENANT (b) (6) DEMONSTRATED BRILLIANT LEGAL ACUMEN WHILE PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL PRETRIAL LITIGATION SUPPORT TO A HIGH-VISIBILITY GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. SHE TOOK THE LEAD IN COORDINATING AND PREPARING THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPERTS, AND SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS AND WEEKENDS PREPARING FACT AND EXPERT WITNESSES. HER MASTERY OF DISCOVERY ALSO PROVIDED CRUCIAL CONTINUITY WHEN KEY MEMBERS OF THE TRIAL TEAM TURNED OVER ON THE EVE OF TRIAL. LIEUTENANT (b) (6) EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HER AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

GIVEN THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2019



(b) (6)

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
M. A. LARREA
CAPTAIN, JAGC, U.S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF SECOND AWARD
TO
LIEUTENANT SCOTT I. MCDONALD, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY
FOR

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TRIAL COUNSEL, REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST FROM MAY TO JULY 2019. JUST ONE MONTH BEFORE TRIAL, LIEUTENANT MCDONALD ASSUMED THE ROLE OF DETAILED TRIAL COUNSEL IN A GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND WAR CRIMES. HE IMMEDIATELY LITIGATED MULTIPLE MOTIONS ALLEGING CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS. IN JUST TWO WEEKS, HE REVIEWED OVER (b)(7)(C) PAGES OF DISCOVERY AND (b)(7)(C) OF HOURS OF VIDEO. AT TRIAL, HE BRILLIANTLY CROSS-EXAMINED DEFENSE WITNESSES AND EXPERTLY DELIVERED THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE IN REBUTTAL. LIEUTENANT MCDONALD'S EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, STEADFAST INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

GIVEN THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2019



(b)(6)

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
M. A. LARREA
CAPTAIN, JAGC, U.S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE SOUTHWEST

From: [VanOpdorp, Harold SES SECNAV](#)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: [Spencer, Richard V HON SECNAV](#)
Subject: REVOCATION OF AWARDS MEMO
Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 6:41:14 PM
Attachments: [revocation_ltr.pdf](#)

Mr. Mulvaney,

Good evening sir. On behalf of Secretary Spencer, please see attached revocation of awards ICO CPO Gallagher prosecution team.

Very Respectfully,

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Harold R Van Opdorp | SECNAV Chief of Staff | Office of the Secretary of the Navy | Office: (b) (6)
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From: Brown, Charles W RDML USN (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:09 PM
To: Spencer, Richard V HON SECNAV; Richardson, John M ADM USN CNO (USA)
Cc: Modly, Thomas HON Under Secretary of the Navy; Burke, Robert P ADM USN VCNO (USA); Smith, Russell L MCPON USN DCNO N1 (USA)
Subject: PA END OF DAY 31 JUL 2019
Attachments: CNN_31 JUL 19_US Navy Jet Crashes in California.docx; NAVY LIVE_30 JUL 2019 _Message from the Navy Surgeon General Military Medical Treatment Facilities Transition.doc

Mr. Secretary and CNO,

NAVY TIMES -- SECNAV, tracking your phone interview TOMORROW with Navy Times (Prine) regarding Vice Adm. Gilday.

SOC GALLAGHER/AWARDS -- Responded to multiple media queries TODAY regarding POTUS tweet to confirm awards to Gallagher prosecution team members are being rescinded.

VFA 151 AIRCRAFT CRASH -- Received queries TODAY from multiple national and trade media on FA-18E crash near China Lake at 1650Z. Joint Strike Fighter Wing PAO is on scene coordinating media response with NAVAIRFOR PA and PACFLT PA. RTQ approved and provided by PACFLT PA. Local law enforcement officials report seven civilians with minor injuries; pilot currently missing, Search and Rescue helicopter from NAS China Lake is on scene and SAR efforts underway. Article attached and at:
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/31/politics/navy-jet-crash-california/index.html>

ANTX ROUNDTABLE -- RD&A is co-hosting a media roundtable with OPNAV N91B, Mr. Stewart, and MCCDC MG Mark Wise regarding Advance Naval Technical Exercise that occurred mid-July in Camp Lejeune. Roundtable will focus on overview of exercise and acceleration of new technologies. Anticipate 13 media to attend.

P-CNO CONFIRMATION HEARING/FORD -- Following VADM Gilday's confirmation hearing several media queried CHINFO and RD&A PAO on status of FORD new technologies. Responded to Shepherds media (Selinger), Bloomberg (Cappaccio), and UK Times (Evans) to reiterate VADM Gilday's points of confidence in new technologies with more work required on the AWE.

MTF TRANSITION -- Navy Medicine Live Blog launched YESTERDAY, including message from Vice Adm. Faison, video, and other information about Medical Treatment Facility transition from the services to the Defense Health Agency. Blog post attached and at:
<https://navymedicine.navylive.dodlive.mil/archives/12865>

USS BOXER MEDIA TOUR (1 AUG) -- Stars and Stripes (Karsten) to tour USS

Boxer (LHD 4) while in-port Bahrain TOMORROW. Expect story as early as FRIDAY.

FBI ARREST: The FBI arrested a servicemember assigned to Trident Training Facility Kings Bay TODAY for sexual assault and child pornography charges. Anticipate the FBI will issue a press release as soon as TODAY; CHINFO will defer media queries to FBI and NCIS.

V/r,
Charlie

RDML Charlie Brown
Chief of Information
Navy Office of Information
Navy Pentagon, (b) (6)
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From: Brown, Charles W RDML USN (USA)
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2019 6:25 PM
To: Spencer, Richard V HON SECNAV; Richardson, John M ADM USN CNO (USA)
Cc: Modly, Thomas HON Under Secretary of the Navy; Burke, Robert P ADM USN VCNO (USA); Smith, Russell L MCPON USN DCNO N1 (USA)
Subject: PA END OF DAY 2 AUG 2019
Attachments: NAVY.MIL_1 AUG 2019_Meritorious Advancement Program Season Two Announced.docx; NAVY.MIL_02 AUG 19_Pilot Identified Following FA-18E Super Hornet Crash.docx; CHINFO Weekly Media Analysis (25JUL-01AUG).pdf

Mr. Secretary and CNO,

NAVSEA RELIEF -- Vice Adm. Moore (NAVSEA) relieved Rear Adm. Stephen Williamson (SEA 04) TODAY. CHINFO, OLA and NAVSEA coordinated Congressional and media notification. Expect articles TONIGHT.

JSM/NTSB -- NTSB investigation into JSM collision scheduled for release MONDAY. CHINFO will coordinate all media response with DoJ due to pending litigation.

VFA 151 AVIATOR -- Responded to queries TODAY from Military.com (Harkins) and USNI (LaGrone) on the VFA 151 aircraft crash WEDNESDAY. Name of pilot released TODAY via Navy.mil. Statement attached and at:
https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=110450

MAP SEASON TWO -- NAVADMIN announcement YESTERDAY for 2019 Meritorious Advancement Program Season Two. MAP Season Two updated with lessons learned, including removal of controlled rates. Article attached and at:
https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=110433

CARAT/EMBARK -- CTF 73 coordinating media embark (CNN Indonesia and Net TV) SUNDAY for scheduled P-8 flight during CARAT Indonesia.

MIGHTY WAVES -- USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) participating in media availability MONDAY during Mighty Waves exercise in Israel.

CHINFO WEEKLY MEDIA ANALYSIS

Dominant topics (both traditional media and Twitter):

- 1) Rescinded awards ... Gallagher prosecution team member NAMs ... President Trump's 31 JUL tweet
- 2) Tensions with China ... USS Antietam (CG 54) Taiwan Strait transit 24 JUL
- 3) F/A-18E crash
- 4) SEALs ... Rear Adm. Green letter to SEAL leaders ... dominated by CNN's original reporting

Of Note ... P-CNO Confirmation Hearing

-Media reporting mainly from trade press, local Hampton Roads outlets, and

DC political press

-Reporting included discussion USS Gerald R. Ford challenges... importance of readiness and advanced technology... SEALs... Iran

MEDIA OUTREACH -- Highlights from the American Connections programs:

+Highlights from Wailuku Man Keeps Navy's Newest Helicopters Flying (Maui Now, Maui, Hawaii). Link to article:
<https://mauinow.com/2019/07/29/wailuku-man-keeps-navys-newest-helicopters-flying/#>

+Montgomery Native D'Andre Fields Serves Aboard One of Navy's Most Versatile Combat Warships (The Elmore Autauga News, Montgomery, Ala.). Link to article:
<https://www.myriverregion.com/post/montgomery-native-d-andre-fields-serves-a-board-one-of-navy-s-most-versatile-combat-warships>

+Navy: Gales Ferry sailor participates in community project in Ghana (The Bulletin, Norwich, Conn.). Link to article:
<https://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/20190726/navy-gales-ferry-sailor-participates-in-community-project-in-ghana#>

V/r,
Charlie

RDML Charlie Brown
Chief of Information
Navy Office of Information
Navy Pentagon, (b) (6)
(b) (6)

OSD WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, August 3

-- SD travel (Australia)

-- Navy commissioning ceremony for its newest

Freedom-variant littoral combat ship, the future USS Billings (LCS 15), Key West, FL - 10 a.m.

Sunday, August 4

-- SD travel (AUSMINs)

Monday, August 5

-- SD travel (New Zealand)

Tuesday, August 6

-- SD travel (en route Japan)

-- SMDC/ARSTRAT LTG Dickinson (9:30 a.m.), NORTHCOM Gen.

O'Shaughnessy (10:45 a.m.) speak @ 22nd Annual Space and Missile Defense Symposium, Huntsville, AL

Wednesday, August 7

- SD travel (Japan)

- DISA Vice Dir. Jason Martin joins "Strategies for Mitigating Cyber Risk" panel @ the Cybersecurity Summit: Weaving Security into the Fabric of the Federal Enterprise, Washington, D.C. - 8:50 a.m.

- Air Force Maj. Gen. Krumm, Maj. Gen. Fantini join panel discussion on next generation air superiority @ AFA Mitchell Hour, Washington, D.C. - 9:30 a.m.

- USD(R&E) Griffin speaks @ 22nd Annual Space and Missile Defense Symposium, Huntsville, AL

Thursday, August 8

- SD travel (Mongolia)

- Army Futures Command Gen. Murray keynote (8:45 a.m.); MDA Dir. VADM Hill (10:45 a.m.) speak @ 22nd Annual Space and Missile Defense Symposium, Huntsville, AL

Friday, August 9

- SD travel (ROK, return to JB Andrews)